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COMMONS DEBATE ON BALKANS CAMPAIGN: MR EDEN'S SPEECH

LONDON, MAY 6 (REUTER).—OPENING THE DEBATE ON THE WAR SITUATION IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TO-DAY, MR ANTHONY EDEN, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, POINTED TO THE DIFFICULTY OF GIVING THE HOUSE A FULL ACCOUNT OF RECENT EVENTS, PARTICULARLY IN THEIR RELATION TO THE HOSTILITIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

"We are not alone," he said. "Others are listening to every word that is said in these

Kleffens' Fearless Speech

N. E. I. Determination

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BATAVIA, May 6 (UP).—The Dutch Foreign Minister, Mr van Kleffens, made a broadcast speech to the people of the Netherlands East Indies in which he issued the most abrupt statement yet officially made regarding the attitude of the N.E.I. to aggression.

Referring to the Manila talks with the British C-in-C, Far East, Air Chief Marshal Brooke-Popham, Mr Van Kleffens said, "Our position should not be regarded apart from that of other territories with which, by the mere fact of our geographical position, the N.E.I. is closely linked."

"A few days ago the British Commander-in-Chief whom I recently had the pleasure of meeting in Manila, pointed out in a press conference that politically and militarily the line running from Singapore across the Indies to Australia must be considered as a unit and attack from outside at any point along this line must be regarded and treated as an attack on the whole. "This sensible view is to be taken to heart. Far be it from me to use challenging language. That is not the Dutch habit, but it also would not be our habit to leave any doubt with regard to our firm resolve to fight against aggression."

Toll of Night Raiders Mounts

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—Germany has lost 41 night bombers already this month. This total—nearly half of the record April losses—was reached with the announcement that two additional raiders, it is now confirmed, were brought down on Sunday night by anti-aircraft fire.

Thus, this year's Luftwaffe losses by night total 203, which compares with 130 for the whole of 1940, of which 93 were brought down from June onwards.

Two more enemy aircraft were brought down in the Channel on Tuesday in daylight when small formations crossed the Kent coast and flew a short distance inland.

The Air Ministry says that bombs were dropped on one town on the Kent coast and on another on the east coast, but little damage was done as there were no serious casualties.

U.S. Defence Heads Will Speed Bomber Output

WASHINGTON, May 6 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt has called in the chief members of the Cabinet and the heads of the Army and Navy for discussion on the question of accelerating the production of bombers.

The Conference was attended by Mr Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, Colonel Stimson, Secretary of War, Mr Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, Colonel Knox, Secretary of the Navy, Mr Harry Hopkins, Supervisor of the Lend and Lease Act operations, General George Marshall, Army Chief of Staff, Admiral Stark, Chief of Naval Operations, and Major-General H. Arnold, Chief of the Army Air Corps.

One of the chief purposes of the

debates and there is much that I would like to tell which perforce I am unable to tell at the present time, for I have so to phrase my remarks so that I do not assist the enemy in any way in his activities."

GERMAN PLAN ANALYSED

Recalling the early days of February, Mr Eden said: "What then seemed to the Government to be the German plan for an early spring campaign was:—They had then already a large number of troops in Rumania and they were taking positions at Bulgarian aerodromes; it seemed clear to us that the object of this was, step by step to over-run the Balkans, having occupied Rumania by the methods we know of, to establish themselves in Bulgaria thereby to encircle Yugo-Slavia, to subjugate Greece, to immobilise Turkey and from that position, without firing a single shot, to deliver their main blow from secure bases at our position in the Eastern Mediterranean."

NAZIS' INSULTING TRIBUTE

"There is no doubt that the subsidiary purpose in this plan was to bring help to their Italian Allies, whose war was not going too well in Albania. Hitler has described to us how well the Italians did. A nation of 45,000,000 weakening 7,000,000! I do not suppose that ever a more insulting tribute has been paid to any ally (Hear! Hear!).

"As we watched that Greek campaign in Albania, supported by our air force but against a very heavy attack by men and materials, one must have thought that never was so much surrendered by so many to so few (Laughter and Cheers).

"Now I come to February 8, which was the date that our forces entered Benghazi—a brilliant exploit which brought valuable gain. But with the supreme effort entailed by the advance, the armoured troops who had so large a share in it had to rest and refit. Their vehicles had not only been engaged in a continuous advance for two months but many of them had been engaged in action for a much longer time with hardly a rest. So there was no prospect of prolonging the advance with those armoured vehicles beyond the point reached at Benghazi, and any prolonged advance by these formations to Tripoli was out of the question."

GREECE DECIDES TO FIGHT

"On February 8 there reached the British Government a note from the Greek Government confirming the determination of the Greek Government to resist German aggression (Cheers). It asked us to say what help we could give and the conditions in which we could give it. This note from the Greek Government was not a cry for help (Cheers). It was a statement of the Greek position and a request that we should state ours."

"In the face of these conditions, the Government decided to maintain the decision they had previously arrived at, to halt the desert advance at Benghazi and to prepare forces to go to the help of Greece. That decision was the decision of the Government and of their three chief military advisers."

"If Greece was to be helped, it was obvious that help must be made ready and brought to bear very rapidly. Many problems required discussion and solution—the position of Yugo-Slavia, the necessity for keeping Turkey informed of our plans and so forth."

The Wisest Step

"It seemed to the Government that the wisest step was to attempt direct negotiations, so they entrusted the Chief of General Staff and myself with this task. Neither of us ever had the least doubt of the odds against the full success of our mission. We knew perfectly well that German plans were far advanced. We knew how great were their material powers, but I still think that we should have been to blame if we had not made that attempt (Cheers)."

"With the collapse of French resistance, our forces in the Middle East were left to meet the situation work under the Aid for Britain programme."

Wants Convoys



Col. Henry Stimson

Stimson Wants U.S. Navy to Convoy War Supplies to Britain

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, May 6 (UP).—In a nationwide broadcast to-night, the Secretary of War, Colonel Henry Stimson advocated the use of the United States Navy to safeguard shipments of war supplies to Britain.

He warned Germany that the United States would not "flinch and permit these munitions to be sunk in the Atlantic," stating that "we have taken our place definitely behind the warring democracies and against aggressors in the defence of our freedom."

He declared: "If to-day that (American) navy should make secure the seas for the delivery of our munitions to Britain, it will render as great a service to our country and to the preservation of American freedom as it has ever rendered in all its glorious history."

Germany, he said, has confronted that world, including the United States, with the "alternative of object surrender or uncompromising resistance," adding, "I cannot recall the United States throughout its history has ever yielded to such a demand."

President's Approval

The broadcast which presumably had President Roosevelt's approval, was regarded as the most outspoken utterance yet made by a responsible Government official regarding the war situation.

The Secretary asserted that the United States fleet, supplementing the Royal Navy, "can render secure all oceans north and south, east and west which surround our continent. In that way, it can help hold in check the onward rush of the tide of Nazism, and permanently confine the malign forces of despotism until the virals has run its course and the tide of freedom has begun to rise again."

Perverting Conviction

Colonel Stimson declared that a "small group of evil leaders" taught young Germans that "the freedom of other men and nations must be destroyed. To-day those young men are ready to die for that perverted conviction. Unless we, on our side, are ready to sacrifice and if need be die, for the conviction that freedom in America must be saved, it will not be saved. Only by readiness for the same sacrifice can that freedom be preserved."

Referring to the non-interventionists, Colonel Stimson asserted that "to be frightened into the belief that Hitler has created a new and permanent world order would be just as naive as it would be cowardly." He added: "The so-called new order of Hitler is not new and it has not and never will create order in this world."

Greek Units Join Fleet

CANEA, Crete, May 6 (Reuter).—Greek submarines have sailed to Alexandria where they have joined the British Fleet, states an official statement on the fate of the Greek Fleet. Of ten destroyers three were sunk. Two of 13 torpedo boats have succeeded in reaching Alexandria.

Molotov Relieved

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, May 6 (UP).—Radio Moscow announced that Mr. Stalin has assumed the duties of Chairman of the Council of Peoples Commissars, and that M. Molotov has been relieved of that post. This report was later confirmed at Moscow.

Haile Selassie Resumes Recaptured Throne

NAIROBI, May 6 (Reuter).—Exactly five years after the occupation of Addis Ababa by Marshal Badoglio, Haile Selassie, Emperor of Abyssinia, made a triumphal return to his capital on Monday afternoon.

He was met by Lieut General A. G. Cunningham, General Officer Commanding "East Africa, who was chiefly responsible for delivering his country from the Italian yoke in the brilliant British campaign now nearing its end."

His two sons, the Crown Prince and the Duke of Harar, were there to greet him. "The greatest excitement prevailed as the Emperor entered the city. The Italians still in Addis Ababa remained discreetly indoors."

Conquering Columns

CAIRO, May 6 (Reuter).—The position in Abyssinia, where the Imperial Northern and Southern columns are converging on Addis Ababa, are described as "very promising" for the Imperial forces.

Mr Hore Belisha Critical In House of Commons Debate

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—Within an hour of its opening the war debate settled down in a calm and not over-crowded House to a temperate discussion, the key to which was provided by the remark of the Government Liberal, Sir Percy Harris, "We are solid behind the Prime Minister but that fact need not exclude conservative criticism."

U. S. Bans Defence Exports To Russia

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, May 6 (Dome).—The United States has decided to halt all exports of machinery and other equipment which can be utilised in defence production to the Soviet Union.

MEXICO IS SOLIDLY WITH U. S.

Anti-Totalitarian

NEW-YORK, May 6 (Reuter).—Mexico's opposition to totalitarian expansion was unequivocally expressed by the Mexican Foreign Minister, Senor Padilla, writing in the Carnegie Foundation's publication, "International Conciliation."

Senor Padilla declared: "Mexico is prepared to take a stand with other Western Hemisphere democracies in opposing totalitarian expansion and fifth column activity. America's destiny is to take part in the fray."

Later in the same article, Senor Padilla writes: "The Mexican people, with full consciousness of the cause they are embracing, are fully resolved to share that destiny. We must, therefore, prepare. We must resolutely co-operate with one another for the defence of this hemisphere."

IRAQ BOMBING

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" CAIRO, May 6 (UP).—The R.A.F. bombed the Iraqi military position at Diwanlyia to-day. Many direct hits were scored on the barracks and administrative buildings, according to an R.A.F. communique.

LATEST

WESTERN DESERT IMPASSE

CAIRO, May 6 (Reuter).—Heavy sandstorms in furnace-like heat are testing the endurance of the Germans in the Sollum-Tobruk area, according to well-informed military circles here. The situation is reported much the same as 24 hours ago and the enemy's attack is believed to have proved exhausting as well as costly to him.

Observers returning from the western desert say that the Germans are being constantly affected by conditions there. Prisoners' diaries contain frequent reference to the heat and water shortage, while dive bombing by their own planes is mentioned often. It seems that there is some truth in reports that the Germans trained their troops for desert warfare by manoeuvres in the sand dunes of the Baltic area and by strenuous exercises in glass houses to accustom them to heat.

German tanks are not proving well suited to desert warfare, and the British mobile guns are able to pick them off at close range.

Life Imprisonment For Abusing Public Trust

KWEILIN, May 6 (Central News).—Convicted of selling public foodstuffs for private gain, Shen Yi, deputy director of the Kwangtung Food Control Bureau, has been sentenced by the Yiehling Office of the Generalissimo's Headquarters to life imprisonment and deprivation of civil rights for life.

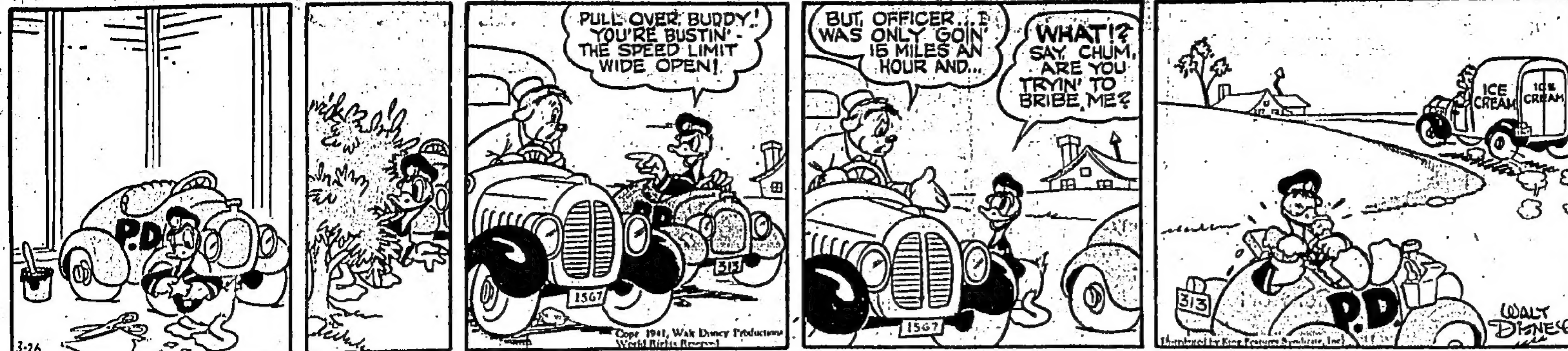
Churchill At Palace

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—The Prime Minister, Mr Winston Churchill, was received in audience by King George and remained to lunch with the King and Queen at Buckingham Palace.

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By Walt Disney

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The Epic of the "51st"
In the Battle of France

By G. E. Ley Smith

After their victory at the Grand Bois de Cambron the Gordons extricated themselves from a death-trap by fearless initiative.

4. Gordons Fight Their Way
Through to Freedom

Watchfully, the Gordons waited for the oncoming Germans on the morning after the withdrawal from le Grand Bois de Cambron. They had not long to wait. The Nazis launched a heavy attack, hurling themselves against the battalion lines with great ferocity.

With tremendous courage, the Gordons held their ground against overwhelming numbers until the vastly superior weight of the German attack began to tell.

Just when they were about to settle down for breakfast, "C" Company, who were in reserve, received news that "A" Company had been surrounded in front of Gouy and moved up to extricate them.

In artillery formation they worked round the far side of Manerion under heavy shell-fire. Capt. Donald Alexander, the company commander, and his second in command, Lt. Barker, drew up a plan of campaign. Two platoons were to go forward and take up positions on a ridge, with company headquarters and a reserve platoon guarding the rear.

Under intense fire, the two platoons made their way to the front of the ridge and discovered where "A" Company had been by a mangled motor cycle that had apparently been hit by a shell. As they spread out along the ridge they could hear the movements of "A" Company in the valley below. Their Bren guns were firing.

Down below the ridge, out of "C" Company, the forward platoon of "A" Company, under P. S. M. Carrochan, who showed great presence of mind and clear judgment, were preparing to make a stand.

The Germans had driven them back, and the Sergeant-Major had just told L. Opl. Kennedy to go back for more ammunition when a dispatch rider arrived. His motor cycle had been shot from under him. It was the mangled cycle seen by Capt. Alexander and Lt. Barker.

Told of the platoon's danger by the dispatch rider, P. S. M. Carrochan decided to retire.

Keeping up fire with a German Tommy gun he had picked up, the Sergeant-Major covered the withdrawal of his platoon to a canal. They crawled along the bank, and eventually he made them get into the water because they were still being sniped. For four miles they waded, sometimes waist-deep until they reached company headquarters at Gouy.

Captain Alexander's party could see Germans moving on the ridge opposite that on which they had taken up their positions. They started immediately to make the Nazis with an intense fire. This diverted their attention from P. S. M. Carrochan's platoon and the other units of "A" Company.

Company to some extent and gave them a chance to get clear.

Evidently the Germans believed that a strong force occupied the ridge, for they sent over a terrific barrage of shells, about sixty a minute, and the position became too hot to hold.

Captain Alexander ordered Barker to take one platoon back along the top of the ridge, while he took the other along the valley. "Then one of us will be sure to get back," he said.

It was he who was destined never to reach his own lines. As he was following behind his platoon with two or three others, he heard a movement among some trees. "Where's 'A' Company?" he shouted. A voice replied: "A" Company is over here."

Capt. Alexander and the others made in the direction of the voice, but as he drew near he was wounded.

The voice belonged to a German officer in charge of a party following up the withdrawal of "A" Company. And here occurred an incident which revealed a strange mixture of sporting instinct and brutality on the part of the German officer—one of those inexplicable warps in German character.

With a bullying voice he ordered his squad to cease fire. One man disregarded the order and the officer shot him.

Next moment he made Capt. Alexander comfortable and turned to the other Gordon Highlanders. He offered them a start of 200 yards to escape with their lives. It was an offer they readily accepted and took to their heels. All of them got away.

Meantime Lt. Barker's platoon was carefully picking its way along the ridge with shells dropping all around them. Lt. Barker was wounded in the leg and was limping back with his men.

Help was coming quickly. Elsewhere along the front, Lieut. Basil Brooke, son of Major A. Brooke of Fairley, was skillfully disposing his nine Bren gun carriers to hold up the waves of Germans coming over on the battalion front. They were divided up into sections of three firing at the Germans who were coming forward on foot, on motor cycles and on armoured cars. They had brought them to a halt.

Lieut. Brooke ordered Sgt. Preston to go to the assistance of "C" Company. As the three carriers rolled along the road at a high speed, one of them ran into the German lines and was never seen again.

With his two remaining carriers, Sgt. Preston selected positions in an orchard which provided him with excellent cover. It was fairly open country and his guns dominated a wide ex-

panse. He waited and then "C" Company came in sight. With them were some men from the Kensingtons.

Less than 300 yards behind them came the first wave of the Germans just appearing over a rise in the ground in extended formation. Now and then Gordons and Kensingtons halted to fire at the Germans.

Sgt. Preston and his crews then "let fly." They got the range immediately and the Germans wavered. The Bren guns maintained a devastating fire and the Nazis broke. "C" Company and the Kensingtons came through.

It had been a pretty desperate situation until the Bren guns appeared, but Lt. Barker and the remainder of the two platoons got safely out of the Germans' reach. For nearly half an hour the Bren guns held the waves of German infantry at bay.

Then Sgt. Preston's second gunner drew his attention to heavy machine-gun fire about 400 yards away on the right. The Germans were again coming in on the flank. So he withdrew his carriers to another position, where he waited for about an hour without seeing any sign of the enemy.

As Lt. Barker's party struggled back on foot they were sniped at all the way. They stopped at one village and tried to harness a horse to a cart to get the wounded back. The horse was unbroken and looked like causing more damage than the Germans, so they abandoned the project.

They carried on their way, those who had been unhurt helping the wounded along, until they were overtaken by Sergeant Preston and his carriers. The wounded were then placed on board and taken to the Receiving Aid Post.

With the rapidly-changing scene Sgt. Preston had difficulty in finding Battalion Headquarters, which was now moving from place to place. He discovered a discarded motor cycle, with which he went on ahead to try to find Headquarters.

Teaching a fork, he chose to go to the right, but he had not gone far before he found R.S.M. Lee's truck lying on the road riddled with machine-gun bullets. Near it lay another of the battalion's trucks. He decided he had taken the wrong turning and went back to the fork. By the other road he eventually made up on Battalion Headquarters and the Receiving Aid Post. Lt. Brooke met him. He had lost his batman, Pte Henderson, and his driver, Pte Duncan, who was wounded and lying in the Receiving Aid Post.

Even Lt. Brooke learned that all the carriers had been lost except the two he was bringing back, and one of them was so badly shot up that it had to be sent away for repairs. They never saw it again. Mortar shells accounted for two of the other carriers.

Sgt. Preston informed the M. O. that the carriers coming on behind had some wounded on board; so the M.O. took the motor cycle he had brought in and went out to meet them. They all arrived back, twenty minutes later.

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Libel Suit Called
"Waste Of Time"

Making his final submissions for Miss Edith Sitwell, the authoress, and her author brothers, Osbert and Sacheverell, in their libel action in the King's Bench Division, Mr. G. O. Slade reminded the Judge that in one libel case a princess was awarded £25,000 damages without proving she had suffered a farthing's worth of damage.

Mr. Slade asked for damages that would mark to the whole world that the imputation against the Sitwells was entirely without foundation.

The Sitwells sued the Co-operative Press Ltd., printers and publishers, and Mr. Sydney R. Elliott, editor of "Reynolds' News." They complained that a review of "Edith Sitwell's Anthology" in "Reynolds' News" imputed that they had no literary ability and that their arrogance and conceit constituted their sole claim to prominence.

The defence was a denial of the alleged innuendo or that the article was defamatory, and a plea of fair comment. The hearing was adjourned.

Judge's Ruling

At the conclusion of the evidence for the plaintiffs Mr. Justice Cassels ruled that the publication complained of was capable of a defamatory meaning.

Mr. G. D. Roberts, K.C., said no evidence would be called for the defence. He submitted that the action was a waste of time and did no one any good except the three Sitwells, who obviously desired publicity and nothing else.

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WRONG METHODS

IF public sympathy for the unemployed night soil carriers is rapidly diminishing, this is very largely the fault of the people concerned. First reaction to their grievance was based more on sentiment than knowledge. Since then certain facts have been made known which throw a different light on the situation.

First blunder by the protestors was to reject Government's offer of re-employment following official control of the night soil system. This suggested petulance rather than sober-minded opposition. Perhaps too the move was planned with the object of forcing Government's hand; if so it failed, and rightly. Deliberate refusal to accept employment is difficult to justify, and serves only to place the people concerned in a false position. It is tantamount to attempted coercion, which especially at this time, is intolerable.

Complainants overlooked another important point. Government cannot break its own laws and employ child labour, which so many of the women carriers demand. Too often under the old system were children exploited in this way. If only to bring an end to this, Government's determined refusal to be intimidated is welcome.

The time has arrived when the disgruntled night soil coolies should be properly advised. The authorities are not lacking in sympathy for them as witness Mr. E. B. Toesdale's declaration on Monday; but there are right and wrong methods of securing redress, and to date, the demonstrators have chosen the latter. Parades around the city and to Government House will avail nothing. They merely antagonise the authorities, who are willing to listen to reasonable complaints through the proper channels.

What should be impressed upon these people is that there exists no possibility of a return to the old system of night soil collection, and that they are wasting their time clamouring for it. Government is prepared to do what it can for them—re-employment as far as possible, and where this cannot be effected, material assistance for the genuinely distressed.

HOW TO PROTECT THE CONVOYS

With American products to Britain being destroyed in transit in ever larger quantities, it is urgent that a more effective system for the protection of British merchant shipping in the north Atlantic be instituted without delay.

A practical solution of the problem, in the writer's opinion, has long been available but has been stymied by sheer inertia and limited strategic vision. Briefly, it is the application to the job of guarding ocean commerce of Germany's own technique of attack on that commerce.

The inadequacy of the present convoy system has long been apparent, and various plans for improving or displacing it have been under discussion. One of the latest suggestions is for establishment of a destroyer land or "bridge" across the Atlantic, formed by a chain of these fighting ships at regularly spaced posts, each patrolling a definite segment of ocean.

Sensible Approach

This is a sensible approach to the problem. Unfortunately the resulting land, if destroyers were to finish the job, so that the placed at 50-mile intervals, still would leave wide gaps in which submarines could ambush their prey, and battleships ignore such patrol. Besides, the terminal portion of the path on the European side—already one-third the distance and soon one-half—would still be exposed to the serious and growing hazard of destruction from the skies.

To begin with, American aircraft have the necessary range; at cruising speeds the great majority can cover at least 1,200 miles. That gives them an effective operating radius of about 500 miles, which is plenty to meet the challenge of unfavourable weather.

Unbroken Path

The function of this unbroken path of air power, of course, would not be limited to direct assault on enemy craft. Under normal conditions, submarines are perfectly visible to aircraft

An expert suggests co-ordination of planes and ships in ensuring the safety of American products for Britain while at sea. "It is about time that sea power sent an SOS to air power, instead of spinning in the old circle," he declares, envisaging a wide canopy of aircraft over the Atlantic that will beat Hitler at his own game.

By Major ALEXANDER P. DE SEVERSKY

overhead even when they kind of co-ordination, to the ocean, from Newfoundland are submerged. I have my- put the matter bluntly, land to the north of Scot- self spotted and fought which now characterises land.

U-boats from the skies re- Nazi methods of attack. There is every reason to believe that Hitler's co-ordination can be matched. It is about time that sea power sent an SOS to air power, instead of spinning in the old circle. The threat of the air age must be met by the methods of the air. The disastrous German attack on transportation command could be licked, but only by utilising the same techniques in line with changed tactical conditions.

Furthermore, it is not impossible that the transportation of American bombers on their own power, which is now being done, could be fitted into the trans-oceanic air canopy, thus adding vastly to its strength. Following the same route, the to aviation, it remains a secondary and cramped from the outset. Yet no marked co-ordination of the transportation problem will be found until the full potentialities of air power are exploited.

Germany's counter-blockade of Britain has been achieved through a re-organised air and sea strength. Nazi aircraft have reached hundreds of miles west of Ireland. They have not only bombed British ships but have broken through their surface and subsurface sea-craft to their targets.

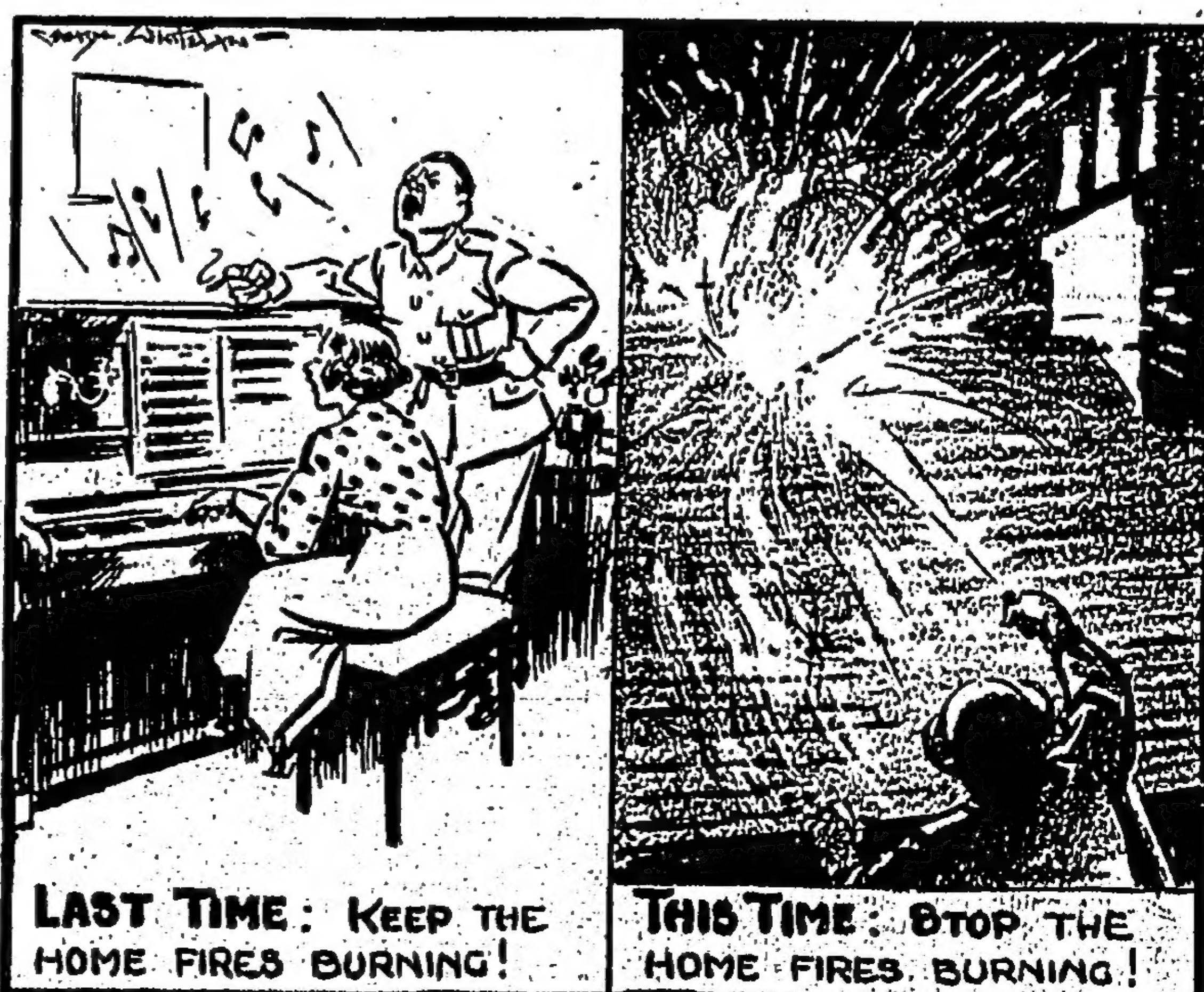
Impregnable Bridge

The idea thus would be to dovetail the continuous air patrols, surface commerce, destroyers, as well as our delivery of new American bombers into a homogeneous, perfectly co-ordinated and well-nigh impregnable operations are impossible in the bridge linking the two shores the air-overhead is in the control of an enemy. In 1,800 miles of north Atlantic—this line with this elementary an impregnable canopy anchored only at its two terminal points. Through lack of foresight, such timing—for the a path of sky right across equipment is not yet available.

Readily Patrolled

That, however, does not cancel out the possibility of a canopy of air power anchored at a number of intermediary bases. Because of present limitations in the range of aeroplanes, the route of protected commerce must be shifted northward and marked by air bases at Newfoundland, Greenland, Iceland, the Faroes and northern Scotland. These points are nowhere more than 600 miles apart; a distance that can be readily patrolled by existing British and American aircraft.

Continuous patrol of stretches some 300 miles from the bases in both directions would provide a cover of uninterrupted air vigilance all the way across the ocean. Much has been said about the shortcomings of American pursuits when matched against German Messerschmitts, but these American planes happen to be wonderfully adapted for the purposes of such ocean patrol service and could immediately undertake this task, which is every bit as vital as any other single phase of the British defence in the air. (Copyright 1941 by United Press).



LAST TIME: KEEP THE
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REVISED VERSION

FOREIGNERS IN NINGPO

Personal Concern Of Japanese

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SHANGHAI, May 6 (Domei).—A blunt refutation of the claims by Carrol Alcott, local radio news commentator in the column "I have Often Wondered" appearing in the "China Press" on Sunday that he was instrumental in restoring communications between Shanghai and Ningpo, was made by Major Kishi Kishinami of the local Japanese Army Liaison Office.

Major Kishinami made a detailed review of the preparations by the Japanese Army authorities prior to the commencement of operations to protect foreign lives and property.

Stressing the pains taken by the Japanese authorities to prevent the damage to foreign interests, the Army spokesman produced maps of Ningpo showing the location of foreign properties and posters announcing that no trespassing would be allowed.

Personal Check Up
The Army officer revealed that in East Chekiang a middle school and an English-managed church were damaged and explained with maps and photos how the damage was done. He further revealed that it took several days to check up all foreigners in Ningpo, declaring that all 50 foreigners in the city including six children were safe. Major Kishinami added that he met all personally to ask for immediate needs.

The Army spokesman closed his statement with an offer to take care of any letters which the listeners desired to send to Ningpo.

Grandee's Death Presumed

LONDON, May 6 (Reuters).—Leave to presume the death on or since November 8, 1930, of Carlos Fernando Stuart y Falcó, Duke of Penaranda, was granted in the Probate Court today, the application being made by the Duke's brother, the Duke of Alba, the Spanish Ambassador to London.

An affidavit by the Duke of Alba stated that the Duke of Penaranda was interned in the model prison in Madrid in the summer of 1930 with other sympathisers of the National movement. Removed from the prison on or about the following November, he is believed to have been assassinated. Since then his widow and child and brother had not been heard from the Duke of Penaranda, who left an estate of about £30,000 in Britain.

Nazis Execute 100 Jews

Held As Hostages
News has reached London of a terrible example of Nazi brutality in Poland—the execution of 100 Polish Jews arrested as hostages for a man who escaped from the Germans.

Last spring a young Polish Jew named Kott was arrested by the Warsaw Gestapo.

Although handcuffed Kott evaded his guards, and the German police offered a reward of £40 for his capture or indication concerning his whereabouts.

Three hundred Jewish hostages were placed in a Warsaw prison. They were told that if within 24 hours Kott did not reappear 100 of them would be executed. Kott failed to show up and 100 of the hostages were shot.

Average Movie Actor's Pay

The average movie actor's salary is \$14,867 (U.S.) a year, a survey of screen salaries has disclosed.

The average bit player under the \$500 a week classification earns \$2,000 annually, and featured players whose salaries range from \$500 to \$1,000 a week average \$6,095 a year. Stars who receive \$2,000 a week and upward, earn on the average \$103,500 a year.

The survey, made by Dr. Leo C. Rosten for the Motion Picture Research Project, was financed by the Carnegie and Rockefeller Foundations.

It showed the earning power of actors is greater than that of actresses.

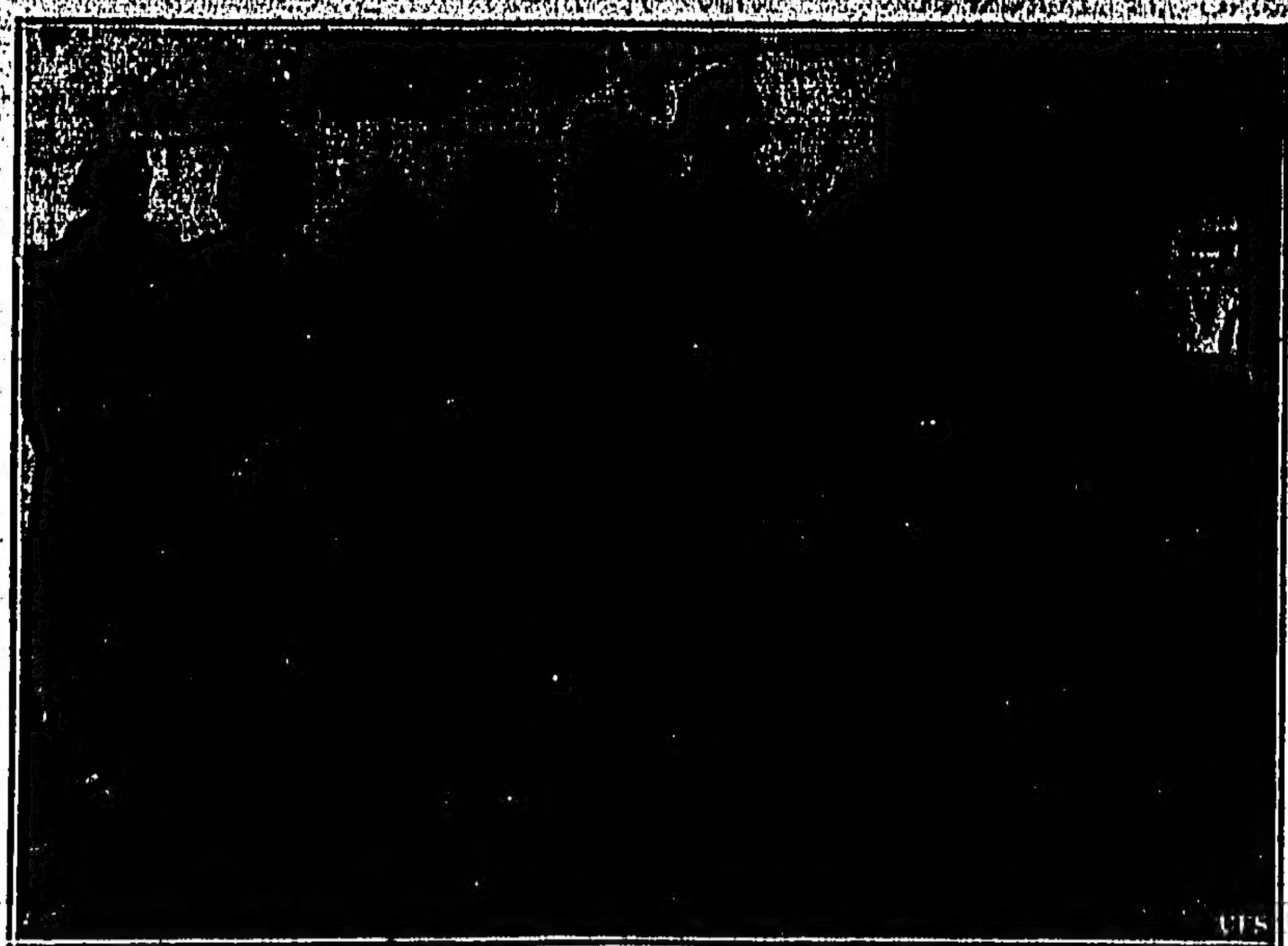
New Zealand Command

WELLINGTON, May 6 (Reuters).—The Minister of Defence announced that Brigadier Edward Fittick has been appointed to be in temporary command of the New Zealand forces in Crete in place of Major-General C. B. Freyberg, V.C., who has been appointed by the Greek Government to command all the Allied forces in Crete.

Swedish Minister In Helsinki

HELSINKI, May 6 (Reuters).—The Swedish Foreign Minister, M. Christian Carlsson, has arrived here on an unofficial visit.

He was greeted at the aerodrome by the Finnish Foreign Minister.



SERVICE FOR ENGLAND—Land Army girls, who do behind-the-lines service in England, returning at nightfall to a Y.W.C.A. hostel in Surrey. The Y.W.C.A., of which Mrs Churchill, wife of Prime Minister, is head, operates 116 hostels and other centres for such service.

WORKER'S TALK WITH QUEEN

"United Family in This War"

The King and Queen each drank coffee standing at a mobile canteen manned by volunteers from the Women's Voluntary Services on their arrival at Stoke-on-Trent recently.

The visit, a break in the return journey to London from Manchester, where they had seen air raid damage, was supposed to be secret, but news of their Majesties' arrival leaked out, and everywhere they went they were greeted with warm-hearted cheers. "God bless you both" was frequently heard from women.

In two hours their Majesties visited the Shelton Iron, Steel and Coal Company's Works and the Spode China Works of W. T. Copeland and Sons. They mingled freely with the workmen and workgirls.

An aged blast-furnaceman, James Bannister, who has worked for the iron and steel firm for 38 years, said to the Queen, "Hitler dare not go among his people as your Majesties are doing, without any bodyguard."

The Queen smiled and replied, "No, I suppose not."

John Edward Lovatt, a 59-year-old worker, remarked to the Queen: "We are all a united family in this war," and her Majesty replied: "That's the spirit."

Showered With Sparks
Their Majesties stood beside huge blast furnaces and were showered with sparks from the molten steel as it entered the moulds.

Both the King and the Queen asked numerous questions of girl pottery workers at the Spode works, of which the Lord Mayor, Mr A. E. Hewitt, who conducted them on the tour, is managing director. The Queen spoke to women who were doing highly skilled work in painting dinner plates.

In the firm's showrooms they saw a Toby jug of Mr Winston Churchill wearing his famous square hat and smoking a long cigar. They were told that these jugs were being specially made for the American market.

Black-out Vampire In Berlin

NIGHT travellers on the Berlin elevated railway are being terrified by a black-out "vampire," says a report.

When he finds himself alone with a woman he creeps up to her in the dark carriage and hurls her into space.

Up to now four women have been killed in this way.

A fifth was seriously injured, but her account of what happened threw light on the deaths of the previous victims.

Best-Selling Author Faces Deportation

Immigration officials, in the United States have begun an investigation in the case of Jan Valtin, author of the current best seller, "Out of the Night." The author's own statements, a Justice Department official said, were the basis on which the first step in deportation proceedings was taken.

Mr Valtin, who acknowledges that the name he uses is a literary pseudonym, described in his book his alleged experiences first as a Communist agitator in his native Germany, then as a Gestapo (secret police) agent and later as an agitator who sought the overthrow of the Government in the United States. He told also of entering the country illegally and of reversing his belief in Communism.

Solely on the basis of statements made by Mr Valtin in his book, an official said, there appeared to be several counts on which he could be deported. He listed these as illegal entry, and former membership and activity in an organisation which advocates overthrow of the Government.

Under the Alien Registration Law, Mr Valtin could be deported as a former Communist even though he has since renounced the Party.

Music Gains Popularity In Britain

A realisation of the power and beauty of music has been brought to many people by wartime conditions, Mr R. J. Forbes, principal of the Royal Manchester College of Music, told the annual meeting of the College recently.

"It is the first time the Government of our country has given any subsidy to the cause of music as such, and I think we can look forward in the near future to a great extension of facilities in this country for hearing the best orchestral music, the best chamber music, and even that Cinderella of music, opera," he continued.

The Royal Manchester College of Music was founded in 1893. Doubts were expressed on the outbreak of war as to the possibility of reopening for the autumn term. Fortunately, however, these forebodings had proved to be groundless.

The number of students upon the register at midsummer, 1940, was 103, representing only a decrease of 13 upon the previous year.

Fingerprints Necessary Before Roosevelt Talks

ALL reporters going to President Roosevelt's Press conferences are being photographed and are having their fingerprints taken by the American Secret Service as a precaution against any attempts on the President's life.

Special passes, with photographs attached, must be shown before they are allowed to enter. Similar precautions are in force in the War and Navy Departments.

Where To Go?

If the Department of Justice should decide that Mr Valtin should be deported, it would be confronted with the problem of where and how to send him—a situation which exists with reference to some 6,000 aliens now under deportation warrants.

The Department has been studying this particular problem for several months and is understood to be about ready to suggest legislation designed to solve it.

High Blood Pressure Cure

Los Angeles, May 4 (UP).—High blood pressure can be relieved by injecting electrical current into the veins, according to Dr James Homer Burgan, Los Angeles physician.

Dr Burgan described the treatment recently to 200 physicians, biochemists and dieticians attending the Los Angeles Nutrition and Deficiency Forum.

It consists of intravenous administration of a "low galvanic current, dispensed through a controlled electrical apparatus and connected to a set of special intravenous needles."

Dr Burgan explained that a positive current is carried into a vein of one arm, through a specially insulated needle while the negative current is fed into a vein of the other arm. A "very slight charge" is administered as the treatment starts, and is increased gradually, for about 30 minutes.

He said that in most cases the blood pressure "two or three days after treatment usually drops from 15 to 20 beats" and frequently rises slowly for a few days, finally to fall again, as much as 30 to 40 beats for six months.

1,000 Cases Treated

"Over 1,000 cases of hypertension and hypo-tension have been treated by intravenous electrolysis with relief in approximately 60 to 70 percent," Dr Burgan said.

"Improved technique has raised this percentage to approximately 90. Recurrence has been noted in less than 10 percent of these cases where follow-up has been possible."

Dr Burgan said if a "low negative electrolysis" exists in the negative syringe, then the positive syringe electrolysis is relatively high. A balanced exchange of those inorganic electro-chemical forces prevents an excess of one or the other."

Quisling Said Withering

Impressions gained by an observer just returned from Norway, says the "Dagens Nyheter," Stockholm, indicate that the days of the Quisling regime are numbered.

According to this paper, rumours that the Germans have given Quisling a time limit in which to secure adequate membership of his party, appear to be well founded, and opposition has lately been accentuated. Everything points to imminent radical changes in German measures in Norway.

Haiti-U. S. A. Accord

WASHINGTON, May 6 (Reuters).—America and Haiti today reached an agreement in principle to end the American supervision of Haitian Customs and internal revenue collections instituted in 1934 for the protection of American holders of Haitian bonds.

Literary Prize For Journalist

Mr Roy Connolly, Brisbane journalist and author of "Southern Saga," perhaps the best national novel yet written about Queensland, and one of the best national novels of the Commonwealth, has been awarded a Commonwealth Literary Fellowship to write another novel, which will probably be the second of what promises to be a trilogy.

The Commonwealth Literary Fellowship carries a grant of £260, and is awarded to writers of merit who are ready to devote a substantial part of their time to writing books on an approved subject.

A recent book by Vance Palmer, entitled "National Portraits," and another by Mrs. Bede Maxwell, "Wooden Hookers," a series of stories about emigrant ships, were both published with the aid of this endowment.

Southern Saga

Mr Connolly is the first Queensland writer who has been honoured by a Commonwealth Literary Fellowship.

It is probable that his book will be a continuation of "Southern Saga," which was published last year. In that book he did for the early Gayndah district what "Brent of Bin Bin" did for early Manaro, and what M. Barnard Eldershaw did for early Sydney in a "A House Is Built," recording the early days of the pastoral industry in the Burnett district in a bright romantic pattern.

Mr Connolly, who has had journalistic experience in London, Sydney and Brisbane, was born at Gayndah. He is a grandson of the pioneer, Mr John Connolly, who died in Gayndah 20 years ago at the age of 103.

Java Troops For Middle East Mooted

Certain Dutch quarters in Batavia are advocating the sending of a division of native Netherlands East Indies troops to the Middle East as one of the most effective means of aiding the Allied cause.

These quarters point out that the native troops could bear the hot climate twice as well as the European troops. The Dutch and Indian soldiers would be replaced here by the same number of Australian troops for a brief rest.

Supporters of this plan point out that the desert weather in Libya would be most severe in the next two months and this is an excellent element for the native soldiers, whereas the whites would suffer unmercifully.

Informed circles believe, however, that such dispatch of Dutch troops is very unlikely under existing circumstances.

Why England Is At War

Swedish Comment

The important Swedish Liberal newspaper, "Dagens Nyheter," comments on the remark made by Hitler in his last speech. "Why do those English gentlemen carry on the war?" in the following terms: "Hitler thinks that England is going Nazi, and that the wealthy classes are trying to keep the workers fond of war by promising social reforms."

That may be so, but there still remains what is the kernel of the British people's, irrevocable determination to resist and conquer. The war against Nazi Germany is simply a matter of the freedom of their country from foreign oppression.

"Despite all contrasts, lord and labourer are united on the common struggle, so as not to be obliged to obey orders from Berlin, and so that they will not, like the unhappy Norwegians, have to receive the Gestapo chief, Himmler, in their midst. It is for this reason that those gentlemen carry on the war."

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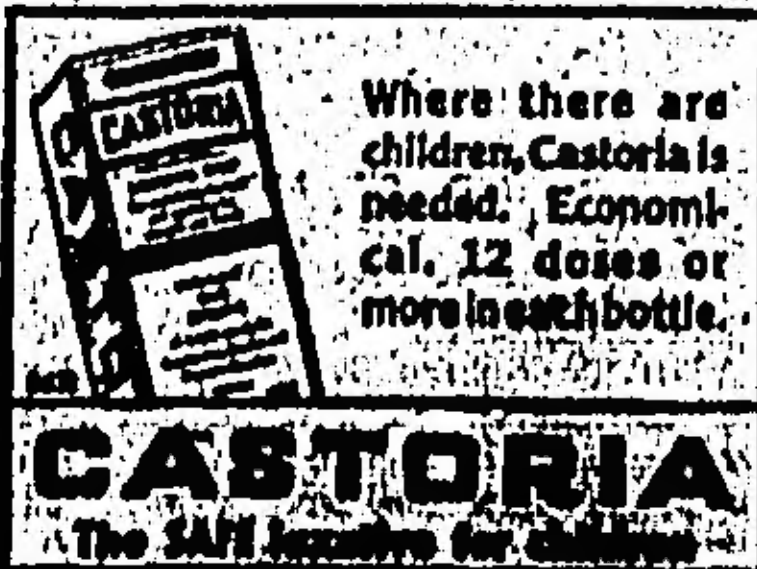


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Around The Courses

Sacrificing Accuracy For Distance

Dry Weather Shots Apt To Prove Flattering: Frequent Misuse Of Irons

(By "Birdie")

WITH THE WET WEATHER more or less behind us, the season is approaching, when, on drier courses, the length of one's shots is apt to be flattering. An observant golfer would have noted indications of this already.

Drives, particularly, can put on twenty or thirty, and occasionally even fifty yards, but it is not with these clubs that the ambitious get themselves into trouble, it is with the irons.

How often has it been known for a player to use a No. 5, say, just because the opponent has made the distance with that club, when in truth a No. 4 or No. 3 would have been the clubs. It is a great asset in golf to realise one's limitations.

When the No. 5 fails, one unconsciously begins to press and take the ball further back off the right foot. It gives a lower trajectory, but it sacrifices consistency and invariably accuracy, too.

Opinions on this, however, seem to differ, even among the professionals. I have read that the drive and wood shots should be taken off the left toe and as the clubs decrease so should the distance from the right foot, until finally one is playing with the No. 8 or 9 right off the back foot!

Personally, I cannot see the object, for in moving the ball backwards it must alter the angle of the club face and one loses the value of the loft. The days of the refined touch control went out with the advent of the new clubs.

The ideal spot from which to hit is directly between the feet. Disregarding the fact that the hands are in advance of the club head at the moment of impact, this is the spot from which the loft of the club is as it should be according to the manufacture.

Hitting a No. 3 iron from this spot gives one a lot of, say, 15 degrees, but in moving the ball back to the rear foot the face assumes almost the perpendicular—like a driver.

If one varies the place from which one hits one can just as easily dispense with half the irons in the bag, for a No. 4 can be made to do the service of a No. 3 and so on, as far as distance is concerned.

But in the variation of that distance, one must sacrifice a certain amount of accuracy, and that is where the practice is harmful. Chip shots are invariably played off the back foot, but for all full shots the position of the ball in relation to the feet should be constant.

How much simpler, too, is it to be able to hit the ball from one spot than from several, for in the former case the position of the hands is constant, while in the latter there is a continual variation and adjustment. Goodness only knows, golf is difficult enough as it is!

SPORTS ADVT.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 10th MAY, 1941, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$3.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all bills, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27784) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21920).

No Children or amahs will be admitted to either Enclosure.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Club. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order, C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

Hongkong, 5th May, 1941.



CHEATERS—Behind those dark glasses Joe Louis hides a cunning eye. He gathered in recent bout with Abe Simon in Detroit. Joe's relaxing in round of golf at the Rackham course in Detroit.

while the second was too nippy and got away.

The caddies, there, seem well informed on these creatures, and at a glance are able to tell whether they are poisonous or not. From personal observation, there seem to be only two kinds—one a lightish brown and the other a brownish green. From appearances, the latter kind appear to be of the viper species. I first thought they were grass snakes, but the caddies say they are harmless and feed on the frogs that abound in the district. The brown ones are the dangerous fellows, and the one that escaped were both brown!

Billiards

Club de Recreio Easily Beat Kowloon C.C.

Club de Recreio and Kowloon Cricket Club played a return billiards and snooker match at the K.C.C. last night when the visitors won by seven games to one. Results, K.C.C. players being mentioned first: Billiards—J. H. S. Duncan lost to E. M. Soares, 116-200 (Soares's best break 37); E. C. Curtis beat C. Cunha, 160-110; F. R. Zimmern lost to J. O. Remedios, 108-200; A. H. Martin lost to P. A. Yvanovich, 72-150. Snooker—J. R. Luke lost to J. E. Noronha, 66-104 (Noronha's best break 17); T. W. Carr lost to A. A. Noronha, 62-131 (Noronha's best break 22); Bone lost to J. C. Remedios, 46-163; R. J. Fenton lost to C. F. Rozario, 90-93.

Y.M.C.A. Tennis

At a meeting of the Y.M.C.A. Tennis Committee held on May 6, it was decided to hold the "Y" Members Singles Handicap competition for the Weall Cup during May and June. Entries close on May 14, and entry lists are open at the Y.M.C.A.

Major Baseball

Philadelphia Humble Cincinnati

NEW YORK, May 6 (UP).—Two matches in the American Baseball League were spoiled by rain today. In the National circuit, Philadelphia Phillies humbled Cincinnati Reds 4-2, while Boston Braves nosed out St. Louis Cardinals 5-4.

Complete scores were:

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Cincinnati	2	5	0
Batteries: Vandermeer and Lombardi.			
Philadelphia	4	6	0
Batteries: Blanton and Warren.			

St. Louis 4 11 3
Batteries: Grodzicki, Naltem, Lanier, Krist and Hancock
Boston 5 6 2
Batteries: Ferrell, Sullivan, Lamanna and Berres, Mast.

Chicago 3 4 1
Batteries: Passanau and McCullough
New York 8 13 0
Batteries: Hubbell and Danning.

Pittsburgh 3 11 2
Batteries: Sewell, Wilkie and Lopez
Brooklyn 7 10 0
Batteries: Wyatt and Owen.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

New York	6	0	1
Batteries: Bonham, Donald and Dieck.			
Detroit	7	11	1
Batteries: Gornica and Tebbetts.			

Washington 5 6 1
Batteries: Leonard and Ferrell
Cleveland 3 10 1
Batteries: Hagby, Hiebing and Hensley.

The Philadelphia-Chicago and Boston-St. Louis games were washed out.

League Table

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
St. Louis	15	3	.833
Brooklyn	15	6	.714
New York	9	9	.500
Cincinnati	9	10	.476
Boston	7	11	.389
Pittsburgh	6	10	.375
Chicago	5	10	.333
Philadelphia	6	13	.316

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Cleveland	13	6	.684
New York	12	9	.571
Chicago	10	8	.556
Detroit	10	8	.556
Boston	9	8	.529
Philadelphia	6	12	.333
Washington	6	13	.316
St. Louis	4	11	.267

Open Tennis Singles Final This Afternoon

FINAL of the Colony Tennis Singles Championship will be played this afternoon at the Stand Court commencing at 4.30 p.m. Tsui Wai-pul will meet his younger brother Tsui Yan-pul, and many expect the latter to win.

Yesterday's Match

Yesterday's match at the Hongkong C.C. was the Handicap Doubles Semi-final in which C. H. R. Oxlade and A. H. Barwell (15-2) beat R. H. Blake and H. C. D. Knight (15-2) in straight sets, 6-3, 6-1.

The winners will now meet T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould in the final.

Recreio And H.K. Electric Bowls Selections

The following teams have been chosen to represent the Club de Recreio in League Lawn Bowls matches on Saturday:

"A" v. K.C.C. (away)—J. Luz, C. E. Marques, H. A. Alves and C. G. Silva; L. F. Xavier, C. Rosa-Pereira, F. V. Ribeiro and F. X. Silva; E. X. Soares, J. J. Silva, J. E. Noronha and R. F. Luz.

"B" v. I.R.C. (home)—H. R. Pinna, H. Basto, E. M. Remedios and J. J. Basto; F. A. Machado, D. C. Alves, E. Sousa and B. Basto; A. F. Noronha, A. M. Xavier, A. M. Rodrigues and A. P. Gutierrez.

2nd Div. v. R. Tong (away)—E. L. Barros, F. X. Monteiro, V. Barros and O. P. Remedios; G. A. Ribeiro, N. Beltrao, F. A. Xavier and J. R. Soares; L. A. Rosario, H. M. Xavier, J. D. Remedios and J. A. Remedios.

3rd Div. v. Police (home)—G. A. Pinna, C. A. Marques, F. J. A. Marques and P. A. Yvanovich; P. D'Almeida, E. Cunha, E. A. R. Alves and M. A. Carvalho; A. A. Lopes, R. A. Campos, M. Mendonca and M. Alarcon.

Electric Rinks

The following will represent the Hongkong Electric v. the Hongkong C.C. at home:

W. MacLachlan, R. F. Gregory, J. E. Barron and L. de Roma; R. A. Owens, W. Stokhouse, A. G. Gardner and A. P. Paul; A. P. Tarbock, J. R. Way, C. C. Butler and C. E. Gehagan.



G. G. Aitkenhead, Hongkong Cricket Club, delivering a wood in last week's Second Division match against the Club de Recreio at King's Park.—Ming Yuen.

Referees' Assn Bid Farewell To C.S.M. Minihan

Suggestions To Hongkong F.A.

THE HONGKONG Football Referees' Association took the opportunity at their meeting last night to bid farewell to Company Sergeant-Major M. Minihan, R.A., the Army representative on the Referees' Association.

The Chairman, Mr H. A. Beard, said C. S. M. Minihan's work on the Committee and as Secretary of the Army Referees Committee was well-known and had earned him the respect of all genuine workers and followers of soccer.

"During his sojourn here," Mr Beard continued, "he had one object in view, the betterment of the game both from the referees and administration point of view. He has had sound ideas and although it is not generally known, he became non-active this season because his sense of justice was not seen eye to eye with the appointments of officials."

Mr W. M. Glover, Secretary of the Navy and Marines Football Referees Association Committee, associated himself with the Chairman's remarks.

Mr C. Kosick (civilian representative), J. F. da Silva and Rev. S. Hinchcliffe also paid tribute to the work done by C. S. M. Minihan.

Replying, C. S. M. Minihan said what he had done he had enjoyed, and though it was possible that the standard of refereeing had not improved, the standard of administration was definitely better.

Suggestion To F.A.

Several suggestions were drawn up by Mr Glover to be presented to the Football Association for consideration at the annual meeting.

The suggestions included an all-round increase in fees; travelling expenses; as the Navy and Army had no local handbook, the rules for Kowloon Cup matches be included in the H.K.F.A. handbook; the Referees' Association should receive written information as to whether a referee was the sole judge whether a ground was fit for play; the grounds at Happy Valley should be marked off on the day of League matches; officials should be provided where teams were running neck and neck for the championship; fees or medals be given in charity matches.

Referring to the suggestion that the ground at Happy Valley be marked off, Mr Hinchcliffe said it could not be done, as there appeared to be a law against it.

Mr G. Gungam, of the Council, said the ground was leased by the Royal Hongkong Golf Club and its use for football was only by courtesy.

Words of Advice

C. S. M. Minihan gave a talk, "Advice to Referees on re-regulation and promotion," with particular reference to young referees.

The Chairman gave a talk, "Human Nature in Association Football." He said he considered one of the most important things necessary for a referee to possess was a sense of human nature, and it was very necessary for referees to make a study of it. There were games in which it was necessary for the referee to find out the temperaments of the players within the shortest possible time.

Cases To Note

A player might, on the spur of the moment, bring a man down in a way not allowed in the book, but with no real badness. In such a case a word of warning was generally sufficient. In the same way, a friendly word to a player who charged or tackled without the intention of hurting, would often curb his keenness. Such players were usually of little trouble to referees.

In the case of a player who could not stand being beaten by a better man and showed his resentment in no uncertain manner, it was very little use giving a word of warning without stopping the game. The nature of such a man would not, as a rule, take a friendly word from a referee. It was advisable, in this instance, for the referee to inform the player on definite terms that he had seen the offence.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Open Tennis Tourney

Sir,—Despite this boycott by Chinese newspapers to report on the above championships, capacity crowds have been attending the semi-final matches, and among them were at least 90 per cent Chinese, many Japanese and quite a few Chinese reporters.

I always thought that the chief object of a newspaper is to direct people's opinions, but to boycott any news is, I think, deplorable and only tends to show a weak and narrow-minded policy. A newspaper's editor cannot expect everybody to follow his ideas. After all, an editor is only one individual.

Coming to the reasons for the boycott, some argue that in other places British and Germans do not come together; but this is not true. In Shanghai we have just read that amongst the members of the Municipal Council there are British, German, Japanese, Chinese (some pro-Nanking) and other nationalities.

In Canton, I am told that British and Germans are playing tennis together on the Shamene courts.

BOMBER FUND SUPPORTER.

Golf Dates Corrected

All dates published for the Junior Section Championship and the first Happy Valley Summer Singles are wrong.

They should all be one day later, on Sundays instead of Saturdays. The correct dates are as follows: The first round to be played on the morning of May 25, the second on June 8, the third on June 22, the semi-final on July 6 and the final on July 20.

F.A. Meeting

A meeting of the Council of the Hongkong Football Association will be held on Wednesday, May 14, at 5.30 p.m.

and a repitition would result in the player being sent off.

There was also the type who was up to all the nasty tricks when the referee's back was turned. With this type, said Mr Beard, the referee should convey to him that he was being watched, and should be definitely caught, the official should blow his whistle hard.

Probably the most troublesome type was the one with the permanent air of injured innocence. A referee would often find that such a player was quite aware of his limit and keep within it, and very often a referee would have to put up with a lot before he could find a definite case of untimely conduct.

Some players had a habit of bluffing a referee, pretending to be tripped or hurt, but if the official kept his eyes open and found the player had made a somewhat quick recovery, he would be wise not to let the player carry off a second bluff.

Mr Beard referred to incidents which made it difficult to act against human nature, and suggested that referees make their own decisions and stick to them, instead of acting "sometimes" on the advice of a player, however honest the latter might be.

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Ford Wants Youth In Government, Approves U.S. Defence Training

Henry Ford would like to see more young men running the United States Government and believes the defence programme will be "educational to that end."

The Detroit automobile maker suggests that government should function along industrial pattern and predicted that objectors to war "will make themselves heard" in America.

"If our young men are to do our fighting, why can't they run the country?" the industrialist asked in an interview recently.

"The defence programme will serve to build our youth physically, train them in leadership, and at the same time introduce many of them to new vocations."

"With this training behind them, more young men will enter public office and the nation will be better off, for the old hands have made a batch of things in many quarters."

"Government ought to be modelled more after industry, with advancement in office based entirely on ability and record of service."

Skilled Men Needed

On the subject of defence and education, he said:

"The defence programme has brought out vividly that this country needs more men skilled in trades. By skilled I mean just that, not a mere smattering of a subject."

"So many of our school graduates lack specialised training and have no particular destination when they set out upon the sea of commerce. I am glad to note that vocational schools and courses are springing up rapidly throughout the nation."

"The danger in this programme of vocational schooling is that we may get too far away from the fundamentals of education. We must retain the basic education too."

BLITZ MIRACLE

For ten years William Albert Bowden, aged 54, of Wincham, near Northwich, was bedridden. Now he is looking for a job. He had the blitz to thank for the miracle. After a long spell of illness, Bill Bowden became paralysed. Then came the blitz. As he lay in bed a bomb rocked the house. Suddenly, he felt what he describes as "a tap" down his spine and was bathed in perspiration. The "tap" became more frequent, and after ten days he found he could walk.

CLERK LIBELLED ON BOOKMARK

Libelled on a bookmark, George Frederick Congdon, Town Clerk of Harwich, was awarded £100 damages at Essex Assizes at Chelmsford recently.

He sued John Elliott, proprietor of a circulating library at Dovercourt, and a former member of Harwich Town Council.

Mr Harold Brown, for Mr Congdon, said the libel was printed on bookmarks which Elliott inserted in each book he passed over to his customers.

Found Unfit

The statement complained of alleged that Mr Congdon was unfit for the office of Town Clerk, that he was corrupt and that he had evaded service in the Navy by making false statements.

Mr Congdon was formerly for 20 years in the accountants' branch of the Navy. When, as a pensioner, he was called up for medical examination on the outbreak of war he was discharged as totally unfit.

"Ill-Tempered"

Elliott became a member of Harwich Town Council in 1924, and Mr Brown described him as ill-tempered. "He presumed a knowledge above that of everybody else, including the Borough officials, and," Mr Brown said, "created the most dreadful and undignified scenes in the Council chamber."

Elliott, who conducted his own case, said his object in publishing the statements was to draw attention to a matter about which the public ought to know.

Mr Justice Atkinson, granting an injunction to restrain further publication, said a less honourable and more contemptible procedure on Elliott's part it would be difficult to conceive.

It was obvious he was actuated by malice.

Works Shut To Help Arms Drive

Many factories in Great Britain will cease production in the next few months, and their work-people released to make munitions or service in the Forces.

Industries mainly affected will be those where war conditions have led to reduced production.

But even here where production in an industry has not been reduced, efficient concentration of manufacture may make some undertakings unnecessary.

Shoe Trade

The union and employers in the boot and shoes industry have already made a preliminary survey, which shows that this industry could, without hurt, release a substantial percentage of its men.

Similar surveys are proceeding in other industries, at the invitation of the Minister of Labour.

This is part of the plan fore-shadowed by Mr Bevin when he conferred recently with representatives of both sides of industry on his man-power proposals.



IN AN EFFORT to improve school air-raid shelters Manchester is experimenting with fireplaces. Here are workmen putting the finishing touches to a substantial specimen in a Wythenshawe school.

Four Men and A Girl Flew A Glider

Adventures of four men and a girl who flew a glider without authority were described recently at Easleigh (Hants).

Accused under the Defence Regulations, Ronald Edward Clear, London Road, Purbrook, was fined £5.

Frank Sidney Walker Jolliff, Dover Road, Portsmouth; Albert Frank Parslow, Connor Road, Portsmouth; Edward Jeremiah Hudson and Audrey Mary Barry, both of Woodman Inn, Purbrook, were all bound over.

Seen by Hundreds

Superintendent E. Pragnell said that a glider was seen in the sky by hundreds of people and caused a certain amount of concern.

Clear said that he was a pilot and hoped to become a test pilot. A firm made inquiries about the glider for overseas sale, and he decided to oblige a previous fault.

He went to test the glider together with his friends, who had no idea that what he proposed was illegal. He got the machine almost to the bottom of a hill and intended to do a short ground hop to test the stability.

Air Current

Rising air currents from the hill caused the glider to rise. He could have landed immediately, but the speed would have risen beyond the safe limit.

The only alternative was to fly away from the lift, which he did, and landed as soon as possible.

FOREIGNER BUYS CHINA BONDS

An anonymous foreigner in Chungking bought \$1,270,000 Chinese war bonds recently, according to the Wartime Bond Sales Promotion Committee.

Blood Donors' Morning After

Exhilarating Feeling

A Sydney doctor recently said that among the people who volunteer for blood transfusions some become almost addicts.

"They like the exhilaration one experiences the morning after having given a transfusion."

"We do not recommend people to give more than one transfusion in three months."

"An American, who gave 300 transfusions, is believed to hold the world's record."

Five men, who had each given from 10 to 20 blood transfusions, are already enrolled as emergency donors in case of air raids on Sydney.

One, aged 25, has a transfusion every three months, for the past five years.

BABY SAVED BY DOG

Scratching among debris after an air raid on a Southeast town, Peggy, a little rough-haired terrier, scraped away bricks and rubble from an overturned perambulator in which 12-month-old Gwen Warren was imprisoned. His devotion gave the baby enough air until a policeman was able to tunnel through and get the child out. The policeman also rescued the child's mother.

U.S. Navy Compares Strength With Axis

WASHINGTON, May 2 (UP).—The Navy has submitted tables to Congress showing the comparative strengths of the United States Fleet and those of the Axis powers. The following table gives the comparative strength in types of warships.

	JAN. 1, 1941	JAN. 1, 1942	JAN. 1, 1943
U.S.	AXIS	U.S.	AXIS
Battleships	16	20	17
Aircraft Carriers	9	6	6
Cruisers	37	75	31
Destroyers	158	271	174
Submarines	108	284	108
Total	338	658	342

The above does not include those of France, which has three immediately effective units: one battleship, one aircraft carrier, 14 cruisers, 52 destroyers and 80 submarines.



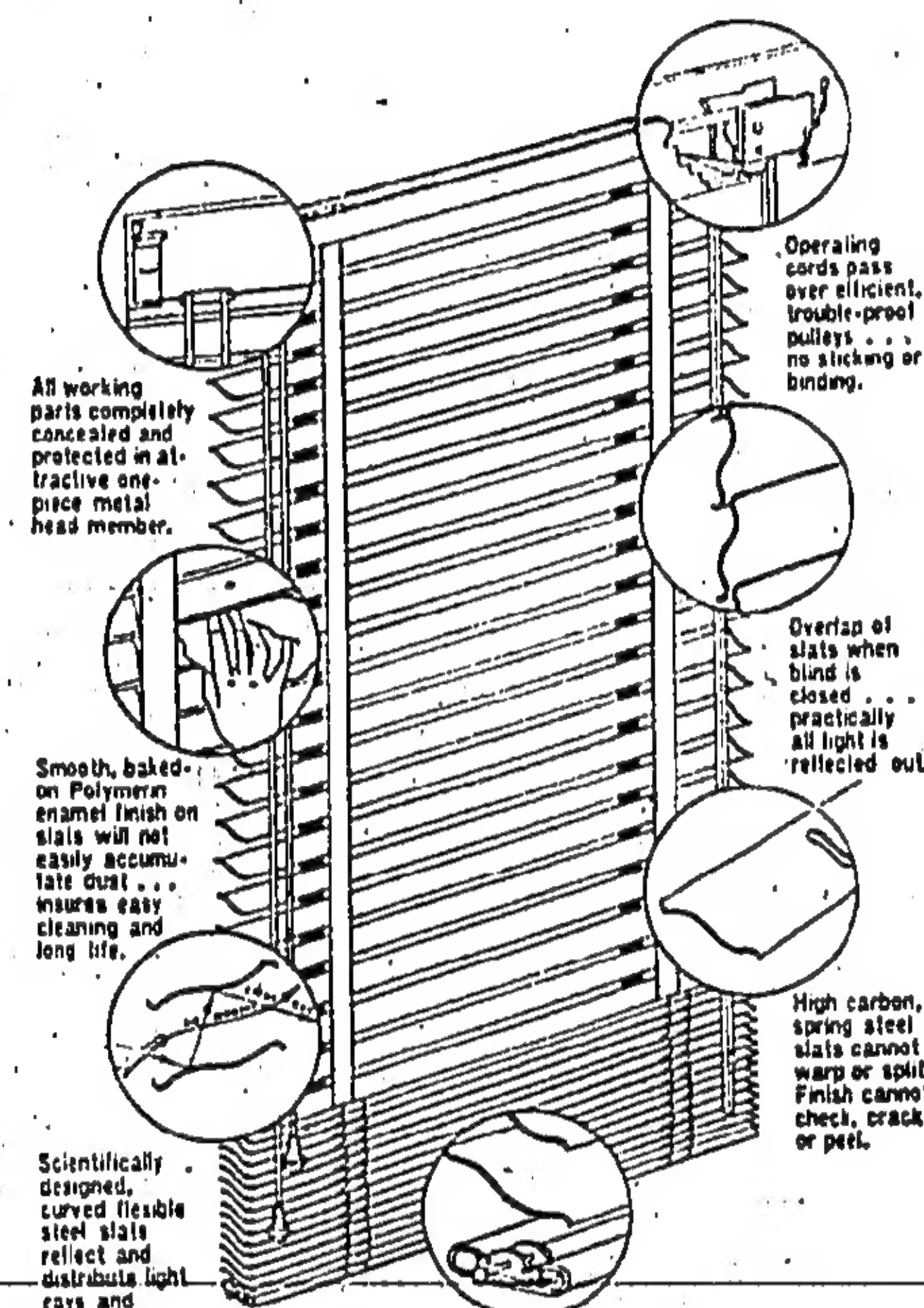
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COMMONS DEBATE ON BALKANS CAMPAIGN: MR EDEN'S SPEECH

LONDON, MAY 6 (REUTER).—OPENING THE DEBATE ON THE WAR SITUATION IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TO-DAY, MR ANTHONY EDEN, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, POINTED TO THE DIFFICULTY OF GIVING THE HOUSE A FULL ACCOUNT OF RECENT EVENTS, PARTICULARLY IN THEIR RELATION TO THE HOSTILITIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

"We are not alone," he said. "Others are listening to every word that is said in these

Kleffens' Fearless Speech

N. E. I. Determination

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BATAVIA, May 6 (UP).—The Dutch Foreign Minister, Mr van Kleffens, made a broadcast speech to the people of the Netherlands East Indies in which he issued the most abrupt statement yet officially made regarding the attitude of the N.E.I. to aggression.

Referring to the Manila talks with the British C-in-C, Far East, Air Chief Marshal Brooke-Popham, Mr van Kleffens said, "Our position should not be regarded apart from that of other territories with which by the mere fact of our geographical position, the N.E.I. is closely linked."

"A few days ago the British Commander-in-Chief whom I recently had the pleasure of meeting in Manila, pointed out in a press conference that politically and militarily the line running from Singapore across the Indies to Australia must be considered as a unit and attack from outside at any point along this line must be regarded and treated as an attack on the whole. "This sensible view is to be taken to heart. Far be it from me to use challenging language. That is not the Dutch habit, but it also would be our habit to leave any doubt with regard to our firm resolve to fight against aggression."

Toll of Night Raiders Mounts

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—Germany has lost 41 night bombers already this month. This total—nearly half of the record April losses—was reached with the announcement that two additional raiders, it is now confirmed, were brought down on Sunday night by anti-aircraft fire.

Thus, this year's Luftwaffe losses by night total 203, which compares with 130 for the whole of 1940, of which 93 were brought down from June onwards.

Two more enemy aircraft were brought down in the Channel on Tuesday in daylight when small formations crossed the Kent coast and flew a short distance inland.

The Air Ministry says that bombs were dropped on one town on the Kent coast and on another on the east coast, but little damage was done and there were no serious casualties.

U.S. Defence Heads Will Speed Bomber Output

WASHINGTON, May 6 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt has called in the chief members of the Cabinet and the heads of the Army and Navy for discussion on the question of accelerating the production of bombers.

The Conference was attended by Mr Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, Colonel Stimson, Secretary of War, Mr Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, Colonel Knox, Secretary of the Navy, Mr Harry Hopkins, Supervisor of the Lend and Lease Act, operations, General George Marshall, Army Chief of Staff, Admiral Stark, Chief of Naval Operations, and Major-General H. Arnold, Chief of the Army Air Corps.

One of the chief purposes of the

debates and there is much that I would like to tell which perforce I am unable to tell at the present time, for I have so to phrase my remarks so that I do not assist the enemy in any way in his activities."

GERMAN PLAN ANALYSED

Recalling the early days of February, Mr Eden said: "What then seemed to the Government to be the German plan for an early spring campaign was:—They had then already a large number of troops in Rumania and they were taking positions at Bulgarian aerodromes; it seemed clear to us that the object of this was, step by step to over-run the Balkans, having occupied Rumania by the methods we know of, to establish themselves in Bulgaria thereby to encircle Yugo-Slavia, to subjugate Greece, to immobilise Turkey and from that position, without firing a single shot, to deliver their main blow from secure bases at our position in the Eastern Mediterranean."

NAZIS' INSULTING TRIBUTE

"There is no doubt that the subsidiary purpose in this plan was to bring help to their Italian Allies, whose war was not going too well in Albania. Hitler has described to us how well the Italians did. A nation of 45,000,000 weakening 7,000,000! I do not suppose that ever a more insulting tribute has been paid to any ally (Hear! Hear!).

"As we watched that Greek campaign in Albania, supported by our air force but against a very heavy attack by men and materials, one must have thought that never was so much surrendered by so many to so few (Laughter and Cheers).

"Now I come to February 8, which was the date that our forces entered Benghazi—a brilliant exploit which brought valuable gain. But with the supreme effort entailed by the advance, the armoured troops who had so large a share in it had to rest and refit. Their vehicles had not only been engaged in a continuous advance for two months but many of them had been engaged in action for a much longer time with hardly a rest. So there was no prospect of prolonging the advance with those armoured vehicles beyond the point reached at Benghazi, and any prolonged advance by these formations to Tripoli was out of the question."

GREECE DECIDES TO FIGHT

"On February 8 there reached the British Government a note from the Greek Government confirming the determination of the Greek Government to resist German aggression (Cheers). It asked us to say what help we could give and the conditions in which we could give it. This note from the Greek Government was not a cry for help (Cheers). It was a statement of the Greek position and a request that we should state ours."

"In the face of these conditions, the Government decided to maintain the decision they had previously arrived at, to halt the desert advance at Benghazi and to prepare forces to go to the help of Greece. That decision was the decision of the Government and of their three chief military advisers."

"If Greece was to be helped, it was obvious that help must be made ready and brought to bear very rapidly. Many problems required discussion and solution—the position of Yugo-Slavia, the necessity for keeping Turkey informed of our plans and so forth."

The Wisest Step

"It seemed to the Government that the wisest step was to attempt direct negotiations, so they entrusted the Chief of General Staff and myself with this task. Neither of us ever had the least doubt of the odds against the full success of our mission. We knew perfectly well that German plans were far advanced. We knew how great were their material powers, but I still think that we should have been to blame if we had not made that attempt (Cheers)."

"With the collapse of French resistance, our forces in the Middle East were left to meet the situation TURNER'S BACK PAGE COLUMN"

Wants Convoys



Col. Henry Stimson

Stimson Wants U.S. Navy to Convoy War Supplies to Britain

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, May 6 (UP).—In a nationwide broadcast to-night, the Secretary of War, Colonel Henry Stimson advocated the use of the United States Navy to safeguard shipments of war supplies to Britain.

He warned Germany that the United States would not "flinch and permit these munitions to be sunk in the Atlantic," stating that "we have taken our place definitely behind the warring democracies and against aggressors in the defence of our freedom."

He declared: "If to-day that (American) navy should make secure the seas for the delivery of our munitions to Britain, it will render as great a service to our country and to the preservation of American freedom as it has ever rendered in all its glorious history."

Germany, he said, has confronted that world, including the United States, with the "alternative of abject surrender or uncompromising resistance," adding, "I cannot recall the United States throughout its history has ever yielded to such a demand."

President's Approval

The broadcast which presumably had President Roosevelt's approval, was regarded as the most outspoken utterance yet made by a responsible Government official regarding the war situation.

The Secretary asserted that the United States' fleet, supplementing the Royal Navy, "can render secure all oceans north and south, east and west which surround our continent. In that way, it can help hold in check the onward rush of the tide of Nazism, and permanently confine the malign forces of despotism until the virus has run its course and the tide of freedom has begun to rise again."

Perverting Conviction

Colonel Stimson declared that a "small group of evil leaders" taught young Germans that "the freedom of other men and nations must be destroyed. To-day those young men are ready to die for that perverted conviction. Unless we, on our side, are ready to sacrifice and if need be die, for the conviction that freedom in America must be saved, it will not be saved. Only by readiness for the same sacrifice can that freedom be preserved."

Referring to the non-interventionists, Colonel Stimson asserted that "to be frightened into the belief that Hitler has created a new and permanent world order would be just as naive as it would be cowardly." He added: "The so-called new order of Hitler is not new and it has not and never will create order in this world."

Greek Units Join Fleet

CANEA, Crete, May 6 (Reuter).—Greek submarines have sailed to Alexandria where they have joined the British Fleet, states an official statement on the fate of the Greek Fleet.

Of ten destroyers, three were sunk. Two of 13 torpedo boats have succeeded in reaching Alexandria.

Far East Flying Training School

A graduation tea dance is being held in the Peninsula Hotel, Rose Room, on Saturday, May 17, from 5-7 p.m.

Any old graduates who have not received an invitation card, and wish to attend, please write or telephone to the school. Tel. No. 59282.

Mr Hore Belisha Critical In House of Commons Debate

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—Within an hour of its opening the war debate settled down in a calm and not over-crowded House to a temperate discussion, the key to which was provided by the remark of the Government Liberal, Sir Percy Harris, "We are solid behind the Prime Minister but that fact need not exclude conservative criticism."

U. S. Bans Defence Exports To Russia

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, May 6 (Dome).—The United States has decided to halt all exports of machinery and other equipment which can be utilised in defence production to the Soviet Union.

It is understood that the United States reached the decision following the conclusion of the Japanese-Soviet neutrality pact, and also in view of the Soviet Union's anomalous position in the current European war.

Observers believe that this action by the United States might have serious effects on the present Soviet-American relations, as it is reported that the action has been taken despite Russia's strenuous diplomatic efforts to obtain necessary export permits for machinery and other equipment, and despite the fact that the Soviet Union has placed orders for a large amount of machinery some months ago.

WESTERN DESERT IMPASSE

CAIRO, May 6 (Reuter).—Heavy sandstorms in furnace-like heat are testing the endurance of the Germans in the Sollum-Jobruk area, according to well informed military circles here. The situation is reported much the same as 24 hours ago and the enemy's attack is believed to have proved exhausting as well as costly to him.

Observers returning from the western desert say that the Germans are being constantly affected by conditions there. Prisoners' diaries contain frequent reference to the heat and water shortage, while dive bombing by their own planes is mentioned often. It seems that there is some truth in reports that the Germans trained their troops for desert warfare by manoeuvres in the sand dunes of the Baltic area and by strenuous exercises in glass houses to accustom them to heat.

German tanks are not proving well suited to desert warfare, and the British mobile guns are able to pick them off at close range.

LATEST

Molotov Relieved

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 6 (UP).—Radio Moscow announced that M. Stalin has assumed the duties of Chairman of the Council of Peoples Commissars, and that M. Molotov has been relieved of that post.

This report was later confirmed at Moscow.

At Own Request
M. Molotov was relieved of the post of Premier at his own request because of the difficulties in combining the posts of Premier and Foreign Commissar.
M. Molotov was also appointed Assistant Chairman of the Council of Peoples Commissars.

Haile Selassie Resumes Recaptured Throne

NAIROBI, May 6 (Reuter).—Exactly five years after the occupation of Addis Ababa by Marshal Badoglio, Haile Selassie, Emperor of Abyssinia, made a triumphal return to his capital on Monday afternoon.

He was met by Lieut General A. G. Cunningham, General Officer Commanding, East Africa, who was chiefly responsible for delivering his country from the Italian yoke in the brilliant British campaign now nearing its end.

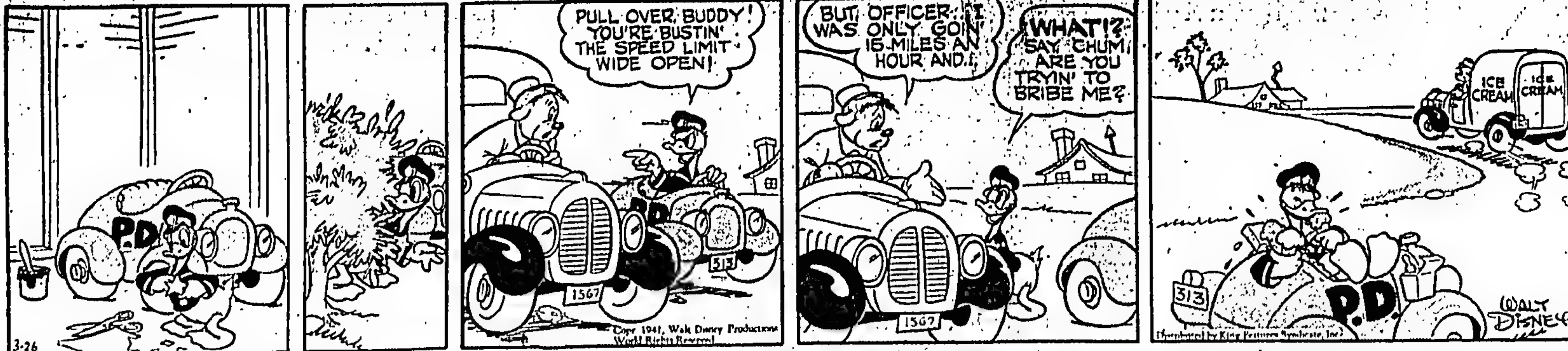
His two sons, the Crown Prince and the Imperial Prince, were also present.

Conquering Columns
CAIRO, May 6 (Reuter).—The position in Abyssinia where the imperial northern and southern columns are converging on Amba Alaba is described as very promising for the Imperial forces.

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DONALD DUCK

By Walt Disney



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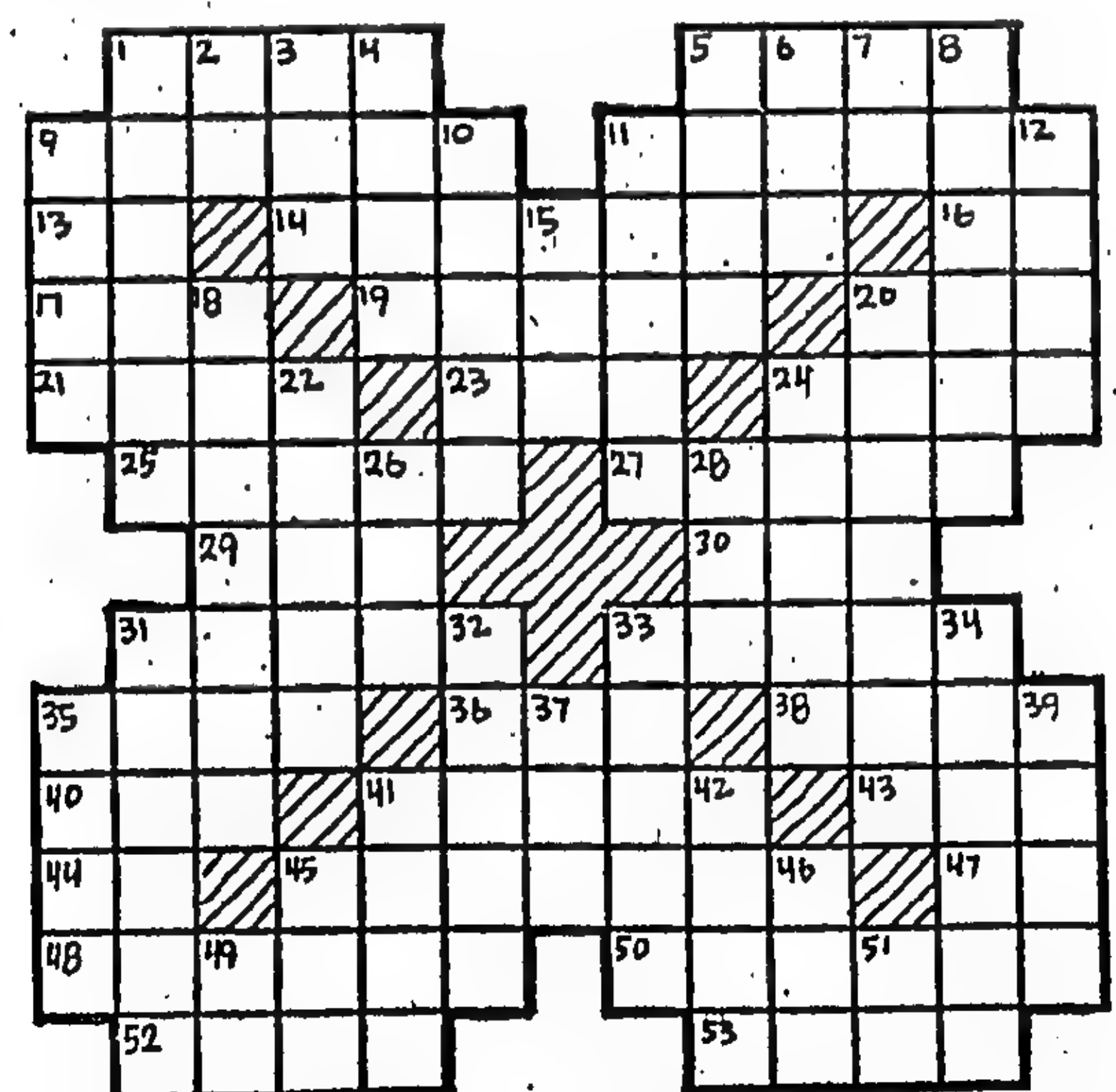


"Well, no, I ain't got a tie-up with any lawyer—why do you ask?"

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS
1—Fruit
2—Wine measure
3—Artist's tray
4—Lubricating
5—God (Hebrew)
6—Allegory
7—Prefix: not
8—High (music)
9—Is carried
10—Italian coin
11—Bottom (French)
12—Unconscious
13—Medical sleeping
14—Tolliver
15—More (music)
16—Straw hat
17—Score in pinch
18—Toll of tobacco
19—Fall asleep
20—Deceased
21—Knights' jacket
22—Kind
23—Parasitic larvae
24—Down
25—Pale
26—The (Spanish)
27—High mountain
28—Use
29—The matter
30—Beverage
31—Sharp in B
32—Shots from ambush
33—Sound of bell
34—Pat
35—Small valley
36—Girl's name
37—Gymnastic apparatus
38—Gun machine
39—Old womanish
40—Western Indian
41—Cow's chew
42—Mohammed's adopted son
43—Unintelligent persons
44—Night
45—Mark of insertion
46—Repeated melodies
47—Tropical fruit
48—Consume
49—Requies
50—Light: pong
51—Jung-Slavian
52—Animal's skin
53—Greek island
54—Peculiar
55—Point (abbr.)



The Epic of the "51st" In the Battle of France

By G. E. Ley Smith

After their victory at the Grand Bois de Cambon the Gordons extricated themselves from a death-trap by fearless initiative.

4. Gordons Fight Their Way Through to Freedom

Watchfully, the Gordons waited for the oncoming Germans on the morning after the withdrawal from le Grand Bois de Cambon. They had not long to wait. The Nazis launched a heavy attack, hurling themselves against the battalion lines with great ferocity.

With tremendous courage, the Gordons held their ground against overwhelming numbers until the vastly superior weight of the German attack began to tell.

Just when they were about to settle down for breakfast, "C" Company, who were in reserve, received news that "A" Company had been surrounded in front of Gouy and moved up to extricate them.

In artillery formation they worked round the far side of Manerion under heavy shell-fire. Capt. Donald Alexander, the company commander, and his second in command, Lt. Barker, drew up a plan of campaign. Two platoons were to go forward and take up positions on a ridge, with company headquarters and a reserve platoon guarding the rear.

Under intense fire, the two platoons made their way to the front of the ridge and discovered where "A" Company had been by a shell. As they spread out along the ridge they could hear the movements of "A" Company in the valley below. Their Bren guns were firing.

Down below the ridge, out of "C" Company, the forward platoon of "A" Company, under P. S. M. Carnochan, who showed great presence of mind and clear judgment, were preparing to make a stand.

The Germans had driven them back, and the Sergeant-Major had just told L. Cpl. Kennedy to go back for more ammunition when a dispatch rider arrived. His motor cycle had been shot from under him. It was the mangled cycle seen by Capt. Alexander and Lt. Barker.

Told of the platoon's danger by the dispatch rider, P. S. M. Carnochan decided to retire.

Company to some extent and gave them a chance to get clear.

Evidently the Germans believed that a strong force occupied the ridge, for they sent over a terrific barrage of shells, about sixty a minute, and the position became too hot to hold.

Captain Alexander ordered Barker to take one platoon back along the top of the ridge, while he took the other along the valley. "Then one of us will be sure to get back," he said.

It was he who was destined never to reach his own lines. As he was following behind his platoon with two or three others, he heard a movement among some trees. "Where's 'A' Company?" he shouted.

A voice replied: "A" Company is over here."

Capt. Alexander and the others made in the direction of the voice, but as he drew near he was wounded.

The voice belonged to a German officer in charge of a party following up the withdrawal of "A" Company. And here occurred an incident which revealed a strange mixture of sporting instinct and brutality on the part of the German officer—one of those inexplicable warps in German character.

With a bullying voice he ordered his squad to cease fire. One man disregarded the order and the officer shot him.

Next moment he made Capt. Alexander comfortable and turned to the other Gordon Highlanders. He offered them a start of 200 yards to escape with their lives. It was an offer they readily accepted and took to their heels. All of them got away.

Meantime Lt. Barker's platoon was carefully picking its way along the ridge with shells dropping all around them. Lt. Barker was wounded in the leg and was limping back with his men.

Help was coming quickly. Elsewhere along the front, Lieut. Basil Brooke, son of Major A. Brooke of Fairley, was skilfully disposing his nine Bren gun carriers to hold up the waves of Germans coming over on the battalion front. They were divided up into sections of three firing at the Germans who were coming forward on foot, on motor cycles and on armoured cars. They had brought them to a halt.

Lieut. Brooke ordered Sergt. Preston to go to the assistance of "C" Company. As the three carriers rolled along the road at a high speed, one of them ran into the German lines and was never seen again.

With his two remaining carriers, Sergt. Preston selected positions in an orchard which provided him with excellent cover. It was fairly open country and his guns dominated a wide ex-

pense. He waited and then "C" Company came in sight. With them were some men from the Kensingtons.

Less than 300 yards behind them came the first wave of the Germans just appearing over a rise in the ground in extended formation. Now and then Gordons and Kensingtons halted to fire at the Germans.

Sergt. Preston and his crews then "let fly." They got the range immediately and the Germans wavered. The Bren guns maintained a devastating fire and the Nazis broke. "C" Company and the Kensingtons came through.

It had been a pretty desperate situation until the Bren guns appeared, but Lt. Barker and the remnant of the two platoons got safely out of the Germans' reach. For nearly half an hour the Bren guns held the waves of German infantry at bay.

Then Sergt. Preston's second gunner drew his attention to heavy machine-gun fire about 400 yards away on the right. The Germans were again coming in on the flank. So he withdrew his carriers to another position, where he waited for about an hour without seeing any sign of the enemy.

As Lt. Barker's party struggled back on foot they were sniped at all the way. They stopped at one village and tried to harness a horse to a cart to get the wounded back. The horse was unbroken and looked like causing more damage than the Germans, so they abandoned the project.

They carried on their way, those who had been unhurt helping the wounded along, until they were overtaken by Sergeant Preston and his carriers. The wounded were then placed on board and taken to the Receiving Aid Post.

With the rapidly-changing scene Sgt. Preston had difficulty in finding Battalion Headquarters, which was now moving from place to place. He discovered a discarded motor cycle, with which he went on ahead to try to find Headquarters.

Reaching a fork, he chose to go to the right, but he had not gone far before he found R.S.M. Leel's truck lying on the road riddled with machine-gun bullets. Near it lay another of the battalion's trucks. He decided he had taken the wrong turning and went back to the fork. By the other road he eventually made up on Battalion Headquarters and the Receiving Aid Post. Lt. Brooke met him. He had lost his batman, Pte Henderson, and his driver, Pte Duncan, who was wounded and lying in the Receiving Aid Post.

From Lt. Brooke he learned that all the carriers had been lost except the two he was bringing back, and one of them was so badly shot up that it had to be sent away for repairs. They never saw it again. Mortar shells accounted for two of the other carriers.

Sgt. Preston informed the M.O. that the carriers coming on behind, so had some wounded on board, so the M.O. took the motor cycle he had brought in and went out to meet them. They all arrived back, twenty minutes later.

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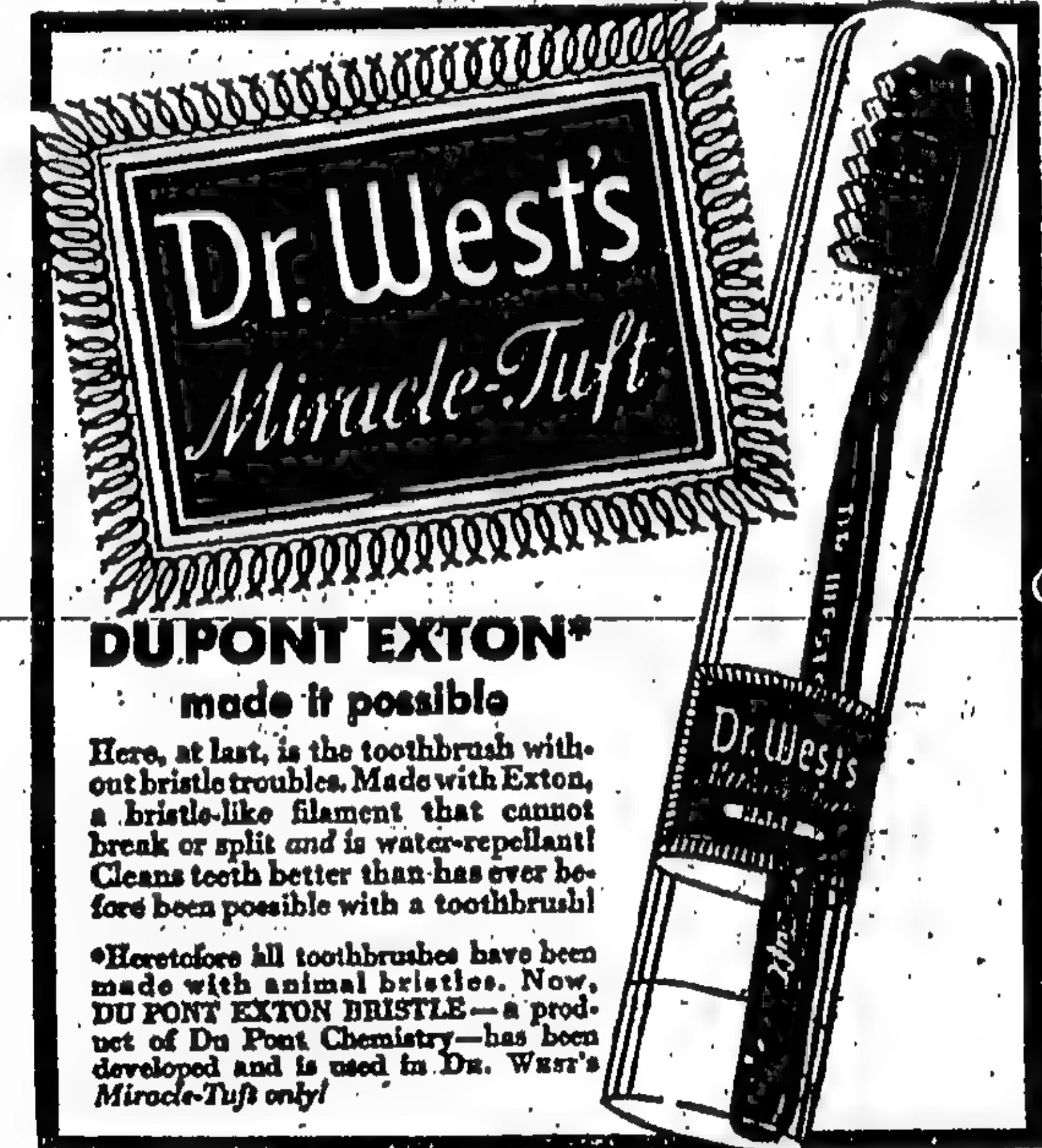
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Libel Suit Called "Waste Of Time"

Making his final submissions for Miss Edith Sitwell, the authoress, and her author brothers, Osbert and Sacheverell, in their libel action in the King's Bench Division, Mr. G. O. Slade reminded the Judge that in one libel case a princess was awarded \$25,000 damages without proving she had suffered a farthing's worth of damage.

Mr. Slade asked for damages that would mark to the whole world that the imputation against the Sitwells was entirely without foundation.

The Sitwells sued the Co-operative Press Ltd., printers and publishers, and Mr. Sydney R. Elliott, editor of "Reynolds' News." They complained that a review of "Edith Sitwell's Anthology" in "Reynolds' News" imputed that they had no literary ability and that their arrogance and conceit constituted their sole claim to prominence. The defence was a denial of the

alleged innuendo or that the article was defamatory, and a plea of fair comment. The hearing was adjourned.

Judge's Ruling

At the conclusion of the evidence for the plaintiffs Mr. Justice Cassels ruled that the publication complained of was capable of a defamatory meaning. Mr. G. D. Roberts, K.C., said no evidence would be called for the defence. He submitted that the action was a waste of time and did no one any good except the three Sitwells who obviously desired publicity and nothing else.

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WRONG METHODS

IF public sympathy for the unemployed night soil carriers is rapidly diminishing, this is very largely the fault of the people concerned. First reaction to their grievance was based more on sentiment than knowledge. Since then certain facts have been made known which throw a different light on the situation.

First blunder by the protesters was to reject Government's offer of re-employment following official control of the night soil system. This suggested petulance rather than sober-minded opposition. Perhaps too the move was planned with the object of forcing Government's hand; if so it failed, and rightly. Deliberate refusal to accept employment is difficult to justify, and serves only to place the people concerned in a false position. It is tantamount to attempted coercion, which especially at this time, is intolerable.

Complainants overlooked another important point. Government cannot break its own laws and employ child labour, which so many of the women carriers demand. Too often under the old system were children exploited in this way. If only to bring an end to this, Government's determined refusal to be intimidated is welcome.

The time has arrived when the disgruntled night soil coolies should be properly advised. The authorities are not lacking in sympathy for them as witness Mr. E. B. Teesdale's declaration on Monday; but there are right and wrong methods of securing redress, and to date, the demonstrators have chosen the latter. Parades around the city and to Government House will avail nothing. They merely antagonise the authorities, who are willing to listen to reasonable complaints through the proper channels.

What should be impressed upon these people is that there exists no possibility of a return to the old system of night soil collection, and that they are wasting their time clamouring for it. Government is prepared to do what it can for them—re-employment as far as possible, and where this cannot be effected, material assistance for the genuinely distressed.

HOW TO PROTECT THE CONVOYS

With American products to Britain being destroyed in transit in ever larger quantities, it is urgent that a more effective system for the protection of British merchant shipping in the north Atlantic be instituted without delay.

A practical solution of the problem, in the writer's opinion, has long been available but has been stymied by sheer inertia and limited strategic vision. Briefly, it is the application to the job of guarding ocean commerce of Germany's own technique of attack on that commerce.

The inadequacy of the present convoy system has long been apparent, and various plans for improving or displacing it have been under discussion. One of the latest suggestions is for establishment of a destroyer land or "bridge" across the Atlantic, formed by a chain of these fighting ships at regularly spaced posts, each patrolling a definite segment of ocean.

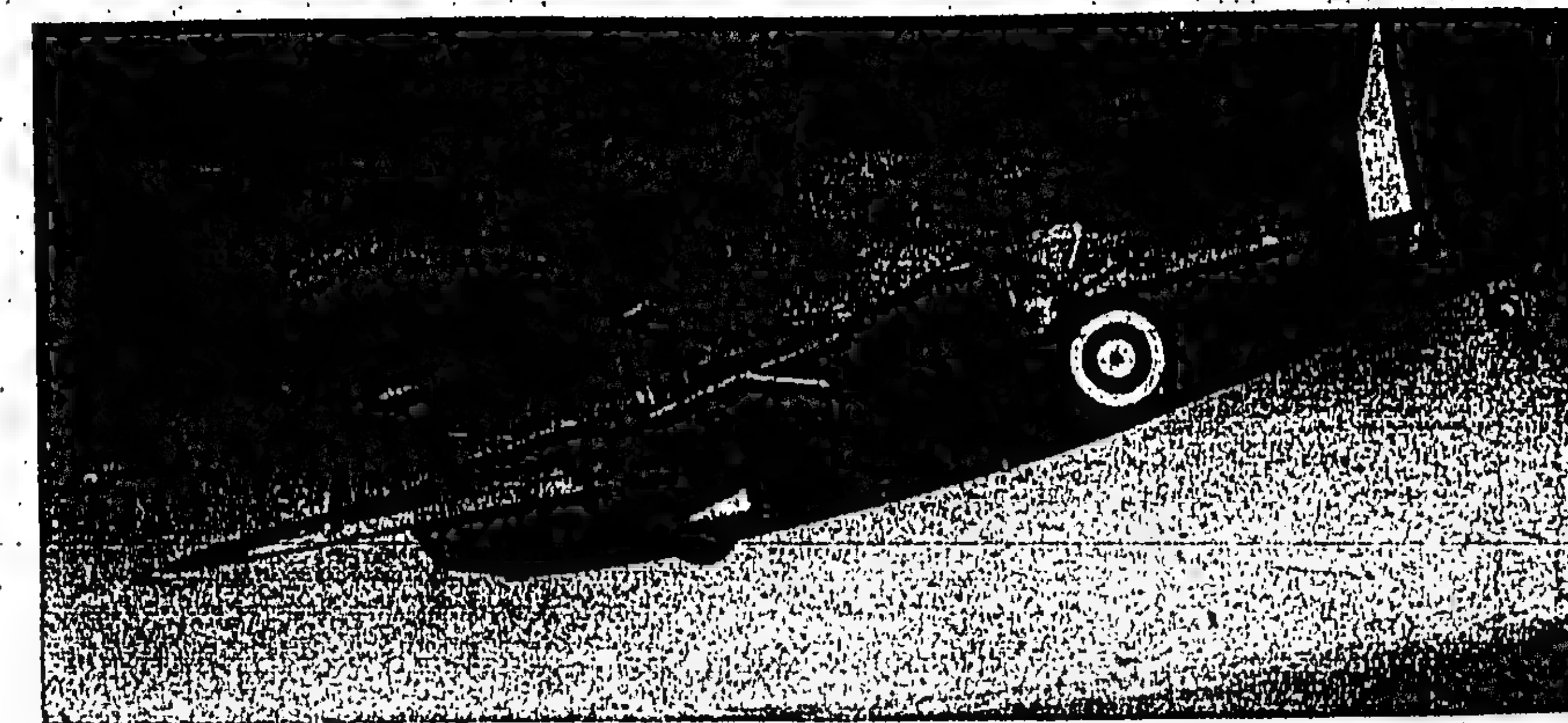
Sensible Approach

This is a sensible approach to the problem. Unfortunately the nearest co-ordinated de-attack by destroyers would be placed at 50-mile intervals, still would leave wide gaps untenable for Nazi sea in which submarines could ambush their prey, and battleships ignore such patrol. Besides, the terminal portion of the path on the European side—already one-third the distance and soon one-half—would still be exposed to the serious and growing hazard of destruction from the skies.

To begin with, American aircraft have the necessary range; at cruising speeds the great majority can cover at least 1,200 miles. That gives them an effective operating radius of about 500 miles, which is plenty to and to spare for the maintenance of the canopy of air power. Moreover, practically all of these American pursuits carry bombs and are equipped for blind flying, to meet the challenge of unfavourable weather.

Unbroken Path

The function of this unbroken path of air power, of bridge linking the two shores of the Atlantic at its narrowest, would not be limited to direct assault on enemy craft. Under normal conditions, submarines are perfectly visible to aircraft



An expert suggests co-ordination of planes and ships in ensuring the safety of American products for Britain while at sea. "It is about time that sea power sent an SOS to air power, instead of spinning in the old circle," he declares, envisaging a wide canopy of aircraft over the Atlantic that will beat Hitler at his own game.

By Major ALEXANDER P. DE SEVERSKY

overhead even when they kind of co-ordination, to the ocean, from Newfoundland are submerged. I have my-put the matter bluntly, land to the north of Scotland.

U-boats from the skies re-Nazi methods of attack. There is every reason to believe that Hitler's co-ordinated power sent an SOS to air power, instead of spinning in the old circle. The threat of the air age must be met by the methods of the air and supervised by the air command could the proposed lane of destroyers become really effective. Furthermore, it is not possible that the transportation of American bombers on their own power, which is now being done, could be fitted into the trans-oceanic air canopy, thus adding power to its strength. Fol-where they assign some role to aviation, it remains secondary and cramped from the outset. Yet no solution of the transportation problem will be found until the full potentialities of air power are exploited, Ireland. They have not under the guidance of people who have broken through the hypnotic effects of traditional thinking on the subject.

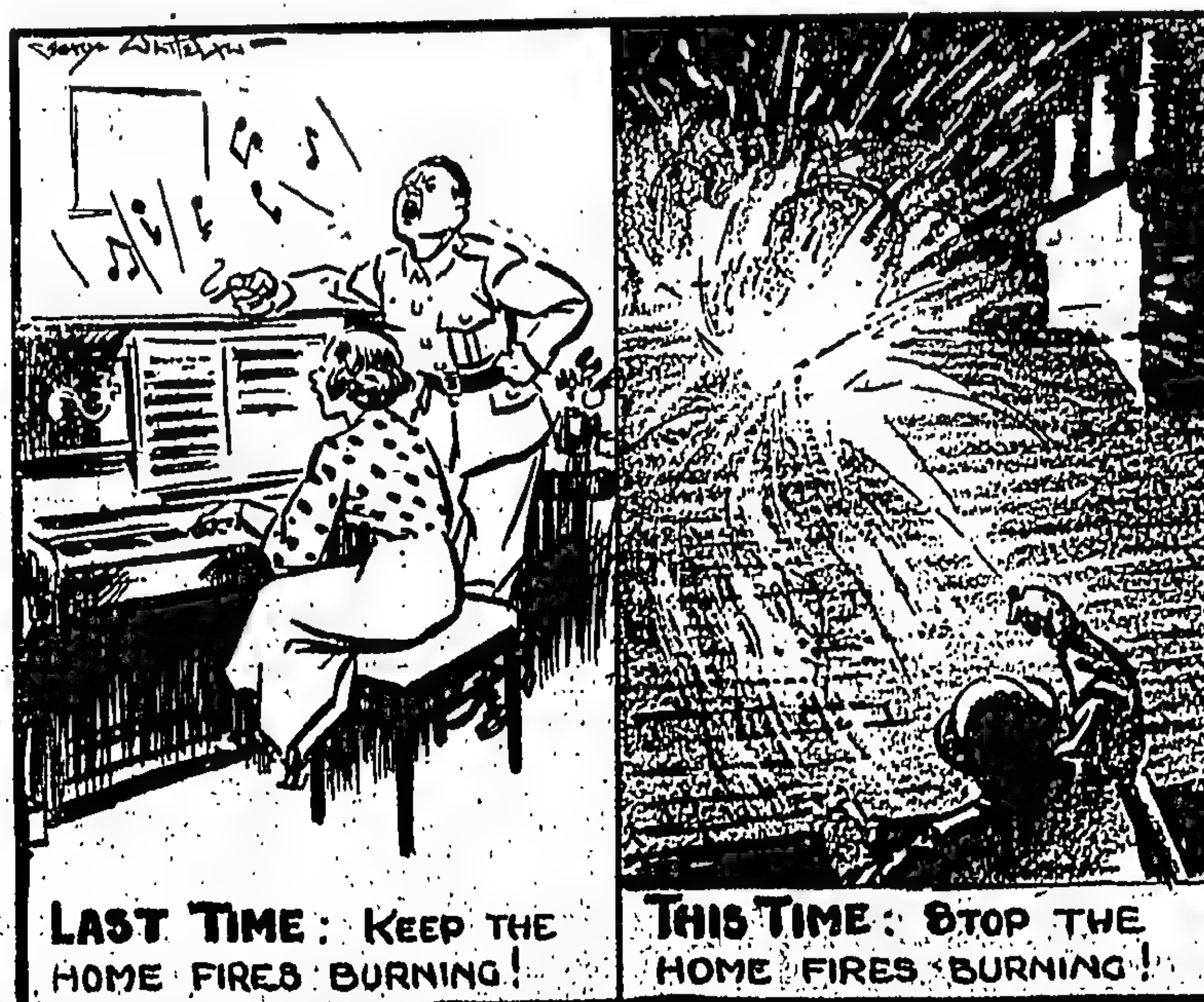
Impregnable Bridge

The idea thus would be to dovetail the continuous air patrols, surface commerce, destroyers, as well as our delivery of new American bombers into a homogeneous, perfectly co-ordinated doubt, it is that surface operations are impossible if the air overhead is in the control of an enemy. In this line with this elementary principle, the writer proposes that Britain take over a path of sky right across

Readily Patrolled

That, however, does not cancel out the possibility of a canopy of air power anchored at a number of intermediary bases. Because of present limitations in the range of aeroplanes, the route of protected commerce must be shifted northward and marked by air bases at Newfoundland, Greenland, Iceland, the Faroes and northern Scotland. These points are nowhere more than 600 miles apart; a distance that can be readily patrolled by existing British and American aircraft.

Continuous patrol of stretches some 300 miles from the bases in both directions would provide a cover of uninterrupted air vigilance all the way across the ocean. Much has been said about the shortcomings of American pursuits when matched against German Messerschmitts, but these American planes happen to be wonderfully adapted for the purposes of such ocean patrol service and could immediately undertake this task, which is every bit as vital as any other single phase of the British defence in the air. (Copyright 1941 by United Press.)



LAST TIME: KEEP THE HOME FIRES BURNING!

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REVISED VERSION

FULL TEXT OF COLONEL STIMSON'S BRILLIANT BROADCAST SPEECH

WASHINGTON, May 6 (Reuter).—Immediate use of the United States Navy "to make the seas secure for the delivery of munitions to Britain," was urged by Colonel Henry Stimson, Secretary for War, in a broadcast speech to the nation to-night.

"The world is facing so great a crisis that all our efforts must be turned toward the defence of our nation's safety," he declared.

At the outset, Colonel Stimson answered some critics who to-day were calling him a war-monger and who opposed America's present efforts at national defence. "The fact is that for many years after the Great War, both as a private citizen and as Secretary of State, I laboured with my full strength for the establishment of the reign of law among nations under which their controversies should be settled by judicial methods instead of by force."

Once Hopeful

"There was a time when such a movement seemed full of hope. To-day that time has passed—temporarily, we trust—and our hopes of peace have been dashed by international aggression. The world is facing so great a crisis that all our efforts must be turned toward the defence of our nation's safety."

"For that reason to-night I am speaking of that crisis and of our defence in meeting it."

"In 1933 a group of men under the leadership of Adolf Hitler obtained possession of the government of Germany and overthrew the German Republic. Both within and without Germany, they have set back the clock more than five centuries. They have embarked on a scheme of conquest which is avowedly intended to be worldwide. For that purpose they have built up in secret an immense military machine based on the forced labour of Germany."

Enslaved Countries

"They have already attacked, conquered and occupied Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Norway, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, France, Rumania, Hungary, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia and have reduced the people of these 13 countries to serfdom and semi-slavery to Nazi despotism."

"They have attacked their Axis as vassals to other nations dominated by the same purpose—military conquest—Italy, guilty of unprovoked attacks upon Ethiopia, Albania and Greece, and Japan, guilty of a similar attack upon her neighbour."

"By this conquest they have destroyed western civilisation which has been slowly building up in Europe ever since the dark ages."

"We are so close to these sudden happenings that we can hardly yet realise the havoc which has thus been wrought both within and without the national boundaries of that unhappy continent. The growth of freedom had been so long and so steady that we had come to believe that it would soon be the recognised system of the whole world."

Dashed Aside

"All at once it has been dashed aside, trampled on by these Nazi rulers who are proposing to establish a world order in which they shall be masters and the people of all other nations their slaves. They have left no such thing as individual rights of liberty within their territory or international rights of independence without their territory."

"Both domestic and international law have gone down under their blows. For the rule of law, they have substituted the rule of the Gestapo, the secret police under whose malign terrorism no vestige of personal freedom is safe."

Tentacles in Americas

"This is the so-called New Order we face to-day. It has openly announced its hostility to us and our order. It has been steadily encircling our western world, its advance agents are already busy in the republics south of us, building strategic air lines through vital positions in that continent and creeping up towards our Panama Canal. Its armed forces are threatening West Africa and looking towards a jumping-off point within easy reach of the Brazilian coast. Its propaganda is already vigorously active in our own population."

"Hitler and his military associates have seized their opportunities with uncommon skill. They have used their power to inculcate into the plastic minds of the regeneration of youth the most reactionary doctrines of Nazism and hatred of other men."

Secret Army Built

"They have taken advantage of modern science to develop in secret, while other nations slept, a mechanised striking force of unprecedented power. They have used every method of duplicity and propaganda to surprise their victim nations with sudden attack."

"They now arrogantly confront the world, including ourselves, with the alternative of abject surrender or uncompromising forceful resistance."

"I cannot recall that the United States, throughout its history—even when it was small and weak—has yielded to such a demand. Let us see whether there is any need to change our policy now."

Historical Reaction

"In the first place, this so-called New Order of Hitler's is not new; and it does not and never will create order in this world. Hitler's regime of brutal lawlessness is merely one of those temporary reactions which have occurred at intervals during all man's long history of progress and war. Since his origin, millions of years ago ambitious men have many times attempted worldwide conquest over the liberties of their fellow men. But they have never permanently succeeded and they never will."

Advantage of Lull

"Hitler has taken advantage of the discontent of the troubled, postwar period to impose his rule upon a disoriented nation which has more than once temporarily yielded its love of liberty to the efficiency of the autocrat. His rise has been facilitated by many accidents which might have been prevented."

It has been prevented. Many an untimely accident of liberty has been snatched at vital moments. But as always has happened before, the progress of man along the path of freedom will be taken up again and carried forward with a new spirit and with fresh knowledge acquired by the unhappy experiences of the past."

Naval Assistance

Colonel Stimson describing his suggestion of full American naval assistance to Britain, said: "For many years we have been building and maintaining our Navy. On the day that the Navy should make secure the seas for delivery of our munitions to Great Britain, it will render as great a service to our country and to the preservation of American freedom as it has rendered in all its glorious history."

"Supplementing the efforts of the British Navy, it can render secure all oceans north, south, west and east which surround our continent. In that way it can help to hold in check the rush of the tide of Nazism until the other defence forces of all democracies are completely mobilised. It would eventually and permanently confine the force of despotism until the virus has run its course and the tide of freedom has begun to rise again."

Importance of Present

"On the other hand, if our Navy's assistance should be withheld until the power of the British Fleet and nation is broken, its own power of execution would at once shrink to but an impotent fraction of what it could do at the present moment. If we should allow the present strategic moment to pass until the power of the British Navy is gone, our navy would become merely a secondary power instead of a decisive winning power in the world contest."

"Is it conceivable that the American people would allow this to happen after the carefully determined course which we have pursued until this moment, after the clear statements and appeals made by our President in respect of the danger which confronts us, after the overwhelming response to his appeals which has been made by Congress, after we have taken our place definitely behind the warring democracies and against aggressor nations in the defence of freedom, after providing for billions of dollars worth of munitions to carry on that defence and while we hold in our hands instruments ready and able to make all these steps effective? Shall we now flinch and permit these munitions to be sunk in the Atlantic Ocean?"

No Precedent

"Our entire history shows no precedent to make such a supposition credible. Neither the Government nor the people of the United States have ever given occasion to make anyone believe that such an act of irresponsibility and indecision would be possible."

"The unrestricted submarine warfare Germany is carrying on in the North Atlantic, sinking ships without warning and without the possibility of saving the lives of their crews, is not legal blockade under the rules of maritime warfare. It has never been recognised as lawful by the United States. America's spokesmen at international conferences have again and again condemned it as a form of piracy."

Violation of Humanity

"It was expressly the violation of law and humanity involved in unrestricted submarine warfare which in 1917 caused the President and Congress to take up arms in defence of freedom of the seas. To-day Germany by these same illegal means, is not only seeking to frighten our commerce and our vessels from the Atlantic but she has extended even into the Western Hemisphere, a zone which she has also forbidden to us."

"Hitler has not only torn up the rules of International Law but he is expanding his lawless activities into our hemisphere. Our Government is acting with care and prudence. But our own self defence requires that limits should be put to lawless aggression on the ocean."

"The President has said that we must not allow the steps which we have already taken to become ineffective."

No Gloom Or Despondency

"I do not minimise the danger which confronts us. This is an occasion for grave seriousness but not for gloom or despondency. I have studied the military policy of the Axis Powers and I do not underestimate the courage of their men in battle. But I also know well the initiative, aptitude and courage of the men of this country. I have become familiar with plans which are being made by our military and naval leaders for our defence."

"Provided that all act with promptness and are united in spirit, I have full faith in the outcome. But I am not one of those who think that the perilous freedom of our country can be saved without sacrifice. It cannot. That has not been the way whereby during a million years humanity has slowly and painfully toiled upwards to a better and more human civilisation."

It is notified that the portion of Des Voeux Road (between Hill Road and Queen's Road West) will be closed to westbound motor traffic from midnight to-morrow, until repairs to the road and tramway track have been completed.

Local Drive For China Defence

The China Defence League, of which Madame Sun Yat-sen is chairman, will shortly launch a four-day "Bowl of Rice" Movement in Hongkong to raise relief funds.

Measures for the campaign are now under discussion. It is understood that some 10,000 coupons each worth \$2 and entitling to one or two bowls of rice will be issued by various restaurants. During the campaign, Madame Sun Yat-sen and other responsible members of the League will personally go to the various restaurants to make inspections and to give whatever assistance needed.

In response to a letter from Mrs. Selwyn-Clarke, Hon. Secretary of the League, the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce at its meeting yesterday decided to support the movement. A special committee of 11, including Mr. P. Gockel, Mr. Tsch-wan, Lam Pui-sung, Lau Tse-tung and Wang Mow-tan, was elected to take charge of the matter.

A reception will shortly be given by the Chinese Defence League to the Press and leaders of various circles to explain the significance of the coming movement.

His Excellency Sir Geoffrey Northcote, the Governor, Madame Sun and Mr. M. K. Lo are expected to attend.

Java Troops For Middle East Mooted

Certain Dutch quarters in Batavia are advocating the sending of a division of native Netherlands East Indies troops to the Middle East as one of the most effective means of aiding the Allied cause.

These quarters point out that the native troops could bear the hot climate twice as well as the European troops. The Dutch and Indian soldiers would be replaced here by the same number of Australian troops for a brief rest.

Supporters of this plan point out that the desert weather in Libya would be most severe in the next two months and this is an excellent element for the native soldiers, whereas the whites would suffer unmercifully.

Informed circles believe, however, that such dispatch of Dutch troops is very unlikely under existing circumstances.

Fingerprints Necessary Before Roosevelt Talks

ALL reporters going to President Roosevelt's Press conferences are being photographed and are having their fingerprints taken by the American Secret Service as a precaution against any attempts on the President's life.

Special passes, with photographs attached, must be shown before they are allowed to enter. Similar precautions are in force in the War and Navy Departments.

Quisling Said Withering

Impressions gained by an observer just returned from Norway, says the "Dagens Nyheter," Stockholm, indicate that the days of the Quisling regime are numbered.

According to this paper, rumours that the Germans have given Quisling a time limit in which to secure adequate membership of his party, appear to be well founded, and opposition has lately been decimated. Everything points to imminent radical changes in German measures in Norway.

Grandee's Death Presumed

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—Leave to presume the death on or since November 8, 1939, of Carlos Fernando Stuart y Fajco, Duke of Penaranda, was granted in the Probate Court to-day, the application being made by the Duke's brother, the Duke of Alba, the Spanish Ambassador to London.

An affidavit by the Duke of Alba stated that the Duke of Penaranda was interned in the model prison in Madrid in the summer of 1936 with other sympathisers of the National movement. Removed from the prison on or about the following November, he is believed to have been assassinated. Since then his widow and child and brother had not been heard from by the Duke of Penaranda, who left an estate of about £20,000 in Britain.

Japanese In Mid-China Pressed

CHUNGKING, May 6 (Central News).—Chinese troops have gained the upper hand in the fighting on the south bank of the Yangtze River in Anhwei.

Hanlingchen, 40 miles southeast of Wuhu, was recovered by the Chinese during a three-sided attack on the morning of May 5. The Japanese retreated to Futingshan to make a stand but they were forced to evacuate.

In Chekiang the Chinese have broken through the Japanese outer defence lines at Chuki on the Chekiang-Kiangsi Railway, 30 miles south of Siachan, and have reached the immediate suburbs of the town.

On April 28 Chinese troops broke into Yuhang, north Chekiang town 15 miles west of Hangchow, setting fire to Japanese military establishments and puppet government offices. They withdrew safely after the raid.

Kapchi Landing Repulsed

SHIKUWAN, May 6 (Central News).—Japanese troops who landed at Kapchi, east of Lukung on the southern Kwangtung coast, and tried to push to Lungkong, northeast of Kapchi, were intercepted and forced to retreat to Kapchi on May 3. Subjected to further attacks, they boarded their warships off the coast the following day.

U.S. Diplomats' Movements

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, May 6 (UP).—In connection with Mr. Nelson Johnson's departure from Chungking which is scheduled for May 14, it is understood that Mr. Clarence Gauss, the new Ambassador is due in Hongkong on May 17, after which he is expected to come to Chungking before the end of the month.

It is understood that Mr. Richard Butlerick, former Acting Consul at Shanghai is coming to Chungking to act as Counselor to the Embassy, probably with Ambassador Gauss. The Military Attaché, Colonel William Mayer, left for Hongkong a day or two ago.

New Zealand Command

WELLINGTON, May 6 (Reuter).—The Minister of Defence announced that Brigadier Ewen Mackenzie has been appointed to be in temporary command of the New Zealand forces in Crete in place of Major-General C. B. Freyberg, v.c., who has been appointed by the Greek Government to command all the Allied forces in Crete.

Swedish Minister In Helsinki

HELSINKI, May 6 (Reuter).—The Swedish Foreign Minister, M. Christian Guenther, has arrived here on an unofficial visit.

He was greeted at the aerodrome by the Finnish Foreign Minister.

FOREIGNERS IN NINGPO Personal Concern Of Japanese

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, May 6 (Domel).—A blunt refutation of the claim by Carrol Alcott, local radio news commentator in the column "I have Often Wondered" appearing in the "China Press" on Sunday that he was instrumental in restoring communications between Shanghai and Ningpo, was made by Major Kishi Kishinami of the local Japanese Army Liaison Office.

Major Kishinami made a detailed review of the preparations by the Japanese Army authorities prior to the commencement of operations to protect foreign lives and property. Stressing the pains taken by the Japanese authorities to prevent the damage to foreign interests, the Army spokesman produced maps of Ningpo showing the location of foreign properties and posters announcing that no trespassing would be allowed.

Personal Check Up

The Army officer revealed that in East Chekiang a middle school and an English-managed church were damaged and explained with maps and photos how the damage was done. He further revealed that it took several days to check up all foreigners in Ningpo, declaring that all 60 foreigners in the city including six children were safe. Major Kishinami added that he met all personally to ask for immediate needs.

The Army spokesman closed his statement with an offer to take care of any letters which the listeners desired to send to Ningpo.

British War Communique

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—"In the Habbaniyah area, British aircraft were again active yesterday," states a communique from the British G.H.Q. in Cairo.

"Hostile shelling was intermittent and inaccurate."

"In the Basra area, the situation remains quiet."

"Libya.—Tobruk: No change in the situation."

"In the Sollum area, the activities of our ground and air forces were severely hampered by a heavy sand storm."

"Abyssinia.—Further progress was made by our forces northward from Dessie on the rear of the Italian position about Amba Alagi."

"Advancing from Neghell, our troops ejected and inflicted heavy casualties on a strong enemy force holding a position covering Adola."

"In other sectors our advance is continuing."

STOCK-EXCHANGE

Undertone Remains Firm

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, the undertone remained firm although gilt-edged and home rails tended to be reactionary.

Industrials were steady with Cable and Wireless and Courtlands good features.

Oils were steady. Mexican Eagle improved on a reported big British purchase of Mexican oil.

Kaffirs responded on satisfactory April returns of diamonds and were supported.

Among the foreign bonds, Japanese tended to be lower while Egyptian and Iraqi issues receded.

Wall Street was firm.

Koo As Ambassador

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, May 6 (UP).—The Executive Yuan to-day formally appointed Dr. Wellington Koo as Ambassador to London. Dr. Wei Tiao-ming was appointed Ambassador to France. Dr. Wei is now Secretary of the General Executive Yuan.

Life Imprisonment For Abusing Public Trust

KWEILIN, May 6 (Central News).—Convicted of selling public foodstuffs for private gain, Shen Yi, deputy director of the Kwangtung Food Control Bureau, has been sentenced by the Kweilin Office of the Generalissimo's Headquarters to life imprisonment and deprivation of civil rights for life.



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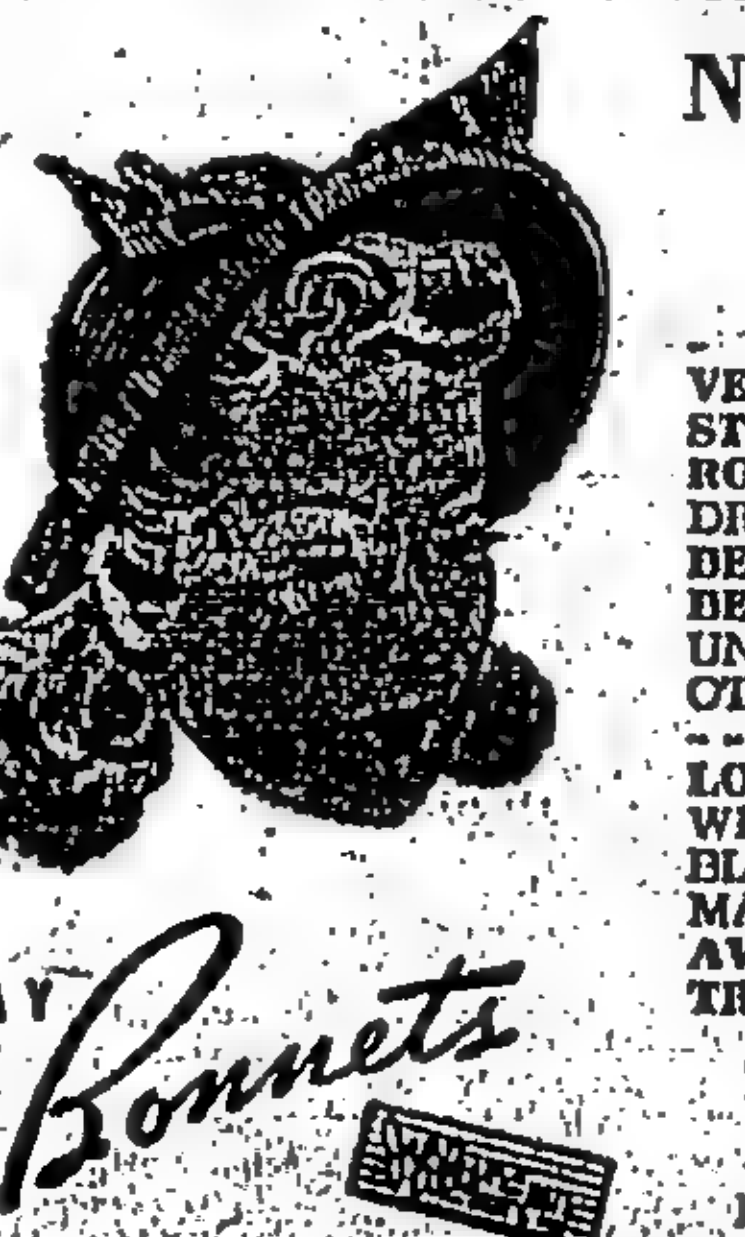
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Around The Courses

Sacrificing Accuracy For Distance

Dry Weather Shots Apt To Prove Flattering: Frequent Misuse Of Irons

(By "Birdie")

WITH THE WET WEATHER more or less behind us, the season is approaching, when, on drier courses, the length of one's shots is apt to be flattering. An observant golfer would have noted indications of this already.

Drives, particularly, can put on twenty or thirty, and occasionally even fifty yards, but it is not with these clubs that the ambitious get themselves into trouble, it is with the irons.

How often has it been known for a player to use a No. 6, say, just because the opponent has made the distance with that club, when in truth a No. 4 or No. 3 would have been the clubs. It is a great asset in golf to realise one's limitations.

When the No. 5 fails, one unconsciously begins to press and take the ball further back off the right foot. It gives a lower trajectory, but it sacrifices consistency and invariably accuracy, too.

Opinions on this, however, seem to differ, even among the professionals. I have read that the drive and wood shots should be taken off the left toe and as the clubs decrease so should the distance from the right foot, until finally one is playing with the No. 8 or 9 right off the back foot.

Personally, I cannot see the object, for in moving the ball backwards it must alter the angle of the club face and one loses the value of the loft. The days of the refined touch control went out with the advent of the new clubs.

The ideal spot from which to hit is directly between the feet. Disregarding the fact that the hands are in advance of the club head at the moment of impact, this is the spot from which the loft of the club is as it should be according to the manufacture.

Hitting a No. 3 iron from this spot gives one a lot of, say, 15 degrees, but in moving the ball back to the rear foot the face assumes almost the perpendicular—like a driver.

If one varies the place from which one hits one can just as easily dispense with half the irons in the bag, for a No. 4 can be made to do the service of a No. 3 and so on, as far as distance is concerned.

But in the variation of that distance, one must sacrifice a certain amount of accuracy, and that is where the practice is harmful. Chip shots are invariably played off the back foot, but for all full shots the position of the ball in relation to the feet should be constant.

How much simpler, too, is it to be able to hit the ball from one spot than from several, for in the former case the position of the hands is constant, while in the latter there is a continual variation and adjustment. Goodness only knows, golf is difficult enough as it is!

SNAKES are making their reappearance at the Country Club, and two have been seen this year about six feet in length. The first was caught and measured over six feet,

SPORTS ADVT.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

The FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 10th MAY, 1941, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21920).

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The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 8th May 1941.



CHEATERS—Behind those dark glasses Joe Louis hides bruised eye he gathered in recent bout with Abe Simon in Detroit. Joe's relaxing in round of golf at the Rackham course in Detroit.

while the second was too nippy and got away.

The caddies, there, seem well informed on these creatures and at a glance are able to tell whether they are poisonous or not. From personal observation, there seem to be only two kinds—one a lightish brown and the other a brownish green. From appearances, the latter kind appear to be of the viper species. I first thought they were grass snakes, but the caddies say they are harmless and feed on the frogs that abound in the district.

The brown ones are the dangerous fellows, and the one that was caught and the one that escaped were both brown!

Billiards

Club de Recreio Easily Beat Kowloon C.C.

Club de Recreio and Kowloon Cricket Club played a return billiards and snooker match at the K.C.C. last night when the visitors won by seven games to one. Results, K.C.C. players being mentioned first:

Billiards—J. H. S. Duncan lost to E. M. Soares, 110-200 (Soares's best break 37); E. C. Curtis beat C. Cunha, 150-110; P. R. Zimmerman lost to J. O. Remedios, 198-200; A. H. Martin lost to P. A. Ivanovich, 72-150.

Snooker—J. R. Luke lost to J. E. Noronha, 66-104 (Noronha's best break 121); T. W. Carr lost to A. A. Noronha, 62-131 (Noronha's best break 72); A. Bone lost to J. C. Remedios, 46-163; R. J. Fenton lost to C. F. Rozario, 90-83.

Y.M.C.A. Tennis

At a meeting of the Y.M.C.A. Tennis Committee held on May 6, it was decided to hold the "Y" Members Singles Handicap competition for the Weall Cup during May and June.

Entries close on May 14, and entry lists are open at the Y.M.C.A.

Major Baseball

Philadelphia Humble Cincinnati

NEW YORK, May 6 (UP).—Two matches in the American Baseball League were spoiled by rain today. In the National circuit, Philadelphia Phillies humbled Cincinnati Reds 4-2, while Boston Braves nosed out St. Louis Cardinals 5-4.

Complete scores were:

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
	R	H	E	
Cincinnati	2	5	0	
Batteries: Vandermeer and Lombardi.				
Philadelphia	4	6	0	
Batteries: Blanton and Warren.				

St. Louis	4	11	3
Batteries: Grodzicki, Nahem, Lanier, Kratt and Mancuso.			
Boston	5	6	2
Batteries: Ferrell, Sullivan, Lamanna and Torres, Madi.			

Chicago	3	4	1
Batteries: McCallum and McCallum.			
New York	13	0	
Batteries: Hubbell and Danning.			

Pittsburgh	3	11	2
Batteries: Sewell, Wilkie and Lopez.			
Brooklyn	7	10	0
Batteries: Wyatt and Gwyn.			

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
New York	4	5	1	
Battery: Bonham, Donald and Dickey.				
Detroit	7	11	1	
Battery: Gornica and Tebbetts.				

Washington	5	8	1
Batteries: Leonard and Ferrell.			
Cleveland	3	10	1
Batteries: Bagby, Heving and Hemslay.			

The Philadelphia-Chicago and Boston-St. Louis games were washed out.

League Table

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
	W	L	Pct	
St. Louis	15	3	.833	
Brooklyn	15	6	.714	
New York	9	8	.529	
Cincinnati	7	10	.444	
Boston	7	11	.389	
Pittsburgh	6	10	.375	
Chicago	5	10	.333	
Philadelphia	6	13	.310	

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
	W	L	Pct	
Cleveland	13	6	.684	
New York	12	9	.571	
Chicago	10	8	.556	
Detroit	10	8	.556	
Boston	9	8	.529	
Philadelphia	6	12	.333	
Washington	6	13	.310	
St. Louis	4	11	.267	

Open Tennis Singles Final This Afternoon

FINAL of the Colony Tennis Singles Championship will be played this afternoon at the Standard Club, commencing at 4.30 p.m. Tsui Wai-pui will meet his younger brother Tsui Yan-pui, and many expect the latter to win.

Yesterday's Match

Yesterday's match at the Hongkong C.C. was the Handicap Doubles Semi-final in which C. H. R. Oxlade and A. H. Barwell (-15/2) beat R. H. Blinke and H. C. D. Knight (-15/2) in straight sets, 6-3, 6-1.

The winners will now meet T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould in the final.

Recreio And H.K. Electric Bowls Selections

The following teams have been chosen to represent the Club de Recreio in League Lawn Bowls matches on Saturday:

"A" v. K.C.C. (away)—J. Luz, C. E. Marques, H. A. Alves and C. G. Silva; L. F. Xavier, C. Roza-Pereira, F. V. V. Ribeiro and F. X. Silva; F. X. Soares, L. J. Silva, J. E. Noronha and R. F. Luz.

"B" v. I.R.C. (home)—H. R. Pinna, C. H. Basto, E. M. Remedios and J. J. Basto; F. A. Machado, D. C. Alves, E. Sousa and B. Basto; A. F. Noronha, A. M. Xavier, A. M. Rodrigues and A. P. Guterres.

2nd Div. v. K. Tong (away)—F. L. Barros, F. X. Monteiro, V. Barros and O. P. Remedios; G. A. Ribeiro, N. Beltrao, F. A. Xavier and J. R. Soares; L. A. Rozario, H. M. Xavier, J. D. Remedios and J. A. Remedios.

3rd Div. v. Police (home)—G. A. Pinna, C. A. Marques, F. J. A. Marques, and P. A. Ivanovich; P. D'Almeida, E. Cunha, E. A. R. Alves and A. M. Carvalho; A. A. Lopes, R. A. Campos, M. Mendonca and M. Alencar.

Electric Rinks

The following will represent the Hongkong Electric v. the Hongkong C.C. at home:

W. Macfarlane, R. F. Gregory, J. F. Barron, L. de Rome, R. A. Owens, W. Stonehouse, A. G. Gardner and A. F. Paul; A. P. Tarkenton, J. R. Way, R. C. Butler and C. E. Gahagan.



G. G. Aitkenhead, Hongkong Cricket Club, delivering a wood in last week's Second Division match against the Club de Recreio at King's Park.—Ming Yuen.

Referees' Assn Bid Farewell To C.S.M. Minihan

Suggestions To Hongkong F.A.

THE HONGKONG Football Referees' Association took the opportunity at their meeting last night to bid farewell to Company Sergeant-Major M. Minihan, R.A., the Army representative on the Referees' Association.

The Chairman, Mr. H. A. Beard, said C. S. M. Minihan's work on the Committee and as Secretary of the Army Referees Committee was well-known and had earned him the respect of all genuine workers and followers of soccer.

"During his sojourn here," Mr. Beard continued, "he had one object in view, the betterment of the game both from the referees and administration point of view. He has had sound ideas and although it is not generally known, he became non-active this season because his sense of justice did not see eye to eye with the appointments of officials." Mr. W. M. Glover, Secretary of the Navy and Marines Football Referees Association Committee, associated himself with the Chairman's remarks.

Messrs D. Kossick (civilian representative), J. F. de Silva and Rev. S. Hinchcliffe also paid tribute to the work done by C. S. M. Minihan.

Replying, C. S. M. Minihan said what he had done, he had enjoyed, and though it was possible that the standard of refereeing had not improved, the standard of administration was definitely better.

Suggestion To F.A.

Several suggestions were drawn up by Mr. Glover to be presented to the Football Association for consideration at the annual meeting.

The suggestions included an all-round increase in fees; travelling expenses; as the Navy and Army had no local handbook, the rules for Kotowall Cup matches be included in the H.K.F.A. handbook; the Referees' Association should receive written information as to whether a referee was the sole judge whether a ground was fit for play; the grounds at Happy Valley should be marked off on the day of League games; official linesmen should be provided where teams were running neck and neck for the championship; medals be given in charity matches.

Referring to the suggestion that the ground at Happy Valley be marked off, Mr. Hinchcliffe said it could not be done, as there appeared to be a law against it.

Mr. C. G. Gungam, of the Council, said the Hongkong Golf Club and its use for football was only by courtesy.

Words of Advice

C. S. M. Minihan gave a talk, "Advice to Referees on re-registration and promotion," with particular reference to young referees. The Chairman gave a talk, "Human Nature in Association Football." He said he considered one of the most important things necessary for a referee to possess was a sense of human nature, and it was very necessary for referees to make a study of it. There were games in which it was necessary for referees to put up with the temperaments of the players within the shortest possible time.

Cases To Note

A player might, on the spur of the moment, bring a man down in a way not allowed in the book, but with no real badness. In such a case a word of warning was generally sufficient. In the same way, a friendly word to a player who charged or tackled without the intention of hurting, would often curb his keenness. Such players were usually of little trouble to referees.

In the case of a player who could not stand being beaten by a better man and showed his resentment in an uncivil manner, it was very little use giving a word of warning without stopping the game. The nature of such a man would, as a rule, take a friendly word from a referee. It was advisable, in this instance, for the referee to inform the player on definite terms, that he had seen the offence.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Open Tennis Tourney

Sir,—Despite this boycott by Chinese newspapers to report on the above championships, capacity crowds have been attending the semi-final matches, and among them were at least 90 per cent Chinese, many Japanese and quite a few Chinese reporters.

I always thought that the chief object of a newspaper is to direct people's opinions, but to boycott any news is, I think, deplorable and only tends to show a weak and narrow-minded policy. A newspaper's editor cannot expect everybody to follow his ideas. After all, an editor is only one individual.

Coming to the reasons for the boycott. Some argue that in other places British and Germans do not come together; but this is not true. In Shanghai we have just read that amongst the members of the Municipal Council there are British, German, Japanese, Chinese (some pro-Nanking) and other nationalities.

In Canton, I am told that British and Germans are playing tennis together on the Shumuen courts.

BOMBER FUND SUPPORTER.

Golf Dates Corrected

All dates published for the Junior Section Championship and the first Happy Valley Summer Singles are wrong.

They should all be one day later, on Sundays instead of Saturdays. The correct dates are as follow:

The first round to be played on the morning of May 25, the second on June 6, the third on June 22, the semi-final on July 6 and the final on July 20.

F.A. Meeting

A meeting of the Council of the Hongkong Football Association will be held on Wednesday, May 14, at 5.30 p.m.

There was also the type who was up to all the nasty tricks when the referee's back was turned. With this type, said Mr. Beard, the referee should convey to him that he was being watched, and should he be definitely caught, the official should blow his whistle hard.

Probably the most troublesome type was the one with the permanent air of injured innocence. A referee would often find that such a player was quite aware of his limit and keep within it, and very often a referee would have to put up with a lot before he could find a definite case of ungentlemanly conduct.

Some players had a habit of bluffing a referee, pretending to be tripped or hurt, but if the official kept his eyes open and found the player had made a somewhat quick recovery, he would be wise not to let the player carry off a second bluff.

Mr. Beard referred to incidents which made it difficult to act against human nature, and suggested that referees make their own decisions and stick to them, instead of acting sometimes on the word of a player, however honest the latter might be.

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NANCY



Ford Wants Youth In Government, Approves U.S. Defence Training

Henry Ford would like to see more young men running the United States Government and believes the defence programme will be "educational to that end."

The Detroit automobile maker suggests that government should function along industrial pattern and predicted that objectors to war "will make themselves heard" in America.

"If our young men are to do our fighting, why can't they run the country?" the industrialist asked in an interview recently.

"The defence programme will serve to build our youth physically, train them in leadership, and at the same time introduce many of them to new vocations."

"With this training behind them, more young men will enter public office and the nation will be better off, for the old hands have made a botch of things in many quarters."

"Government ought to be modelled more after industry, with advancement in office based entirely on ability and record of service."

Skilled Men Needed

On the subject of defence and education, he said:

"The defence programme has brought out vividly that this country needs more men skilled in trades. By skilled I mean just that, not a mere smattering of a subject."

"So many of our school graduates lack specialised training and have no particular destination when they set out upon the sea of commerce. I am glad to note that vocational schools and courses are springing up rapidly throughout the nation."

"The danger in this programme of vocational schooling is that we may get too far away from the fundamentals of education. We must retain the basic education too."

BLITZ MIRACLE

For ten years William Albert Bowden, aged 54, of Wincham, near Northwich, was bedridden. Now he is looking for a job. He had the blitz to thank for the miracle. After a long spell of illness, Bill Bowden became paralysed. Then came the blitz. As he lay in bed a bomb rocked the house. Suddenly, he felt what he describes as "a tap" down his spine, and was bathed in perspiration. The "tap" became more frequent, and after ten days he found he could walk.

CLERK LIBELLED ON BOOKMARK

Libelled on a bookmark, George Frederick Congdon, Town Clerk of Harwich, was awarded £100 damages at Essex Assizes at Chelmsford recently.

He sued John Elliott, proprietor of a circulating library at Dovercourt, and a former member of Harwich Town Council.

Mr Harold Brown, for Mr Congdon, said the libel was printed on bookmarks which Elliott inserted in each book he passed over to his customers.

Found Unfit

The statement complained of alleged that Mr Congdon was unfit for the office of Town Clerk, that he was corrupt and that he had evaded service in the Navy by making false statements.

Mr Congdon was formerly for 20 years in the accountants' branch of the Navy. When, as a pensioner, he was called up for medical examination on the outbreak of war he was discharged as totally unfit.

"Ill-Tempered"

Elliott became a member of Harwich Town Council in 1924, and Mr Brown described him as ill-tempered.

"He presumed a knowledge above that of everybody else, including the Borough officials, and," Mr Brown said, "created the most dreadful and undignified scenes in the Council chamber."

Elliott, who conducted his own case, said his object in publishing the statements was to draw attention to a matter about which the public ought to know.

Mr Justice Atkinson, granting an injunction to restrain further publication, said a less honourable and more contemptible procedure on Elliott's part it would be difficult to conceive.

It was obvious he was actuated by malice.

Works Shut To Help Arms Drive

Many factories in Great Britain will cease production in the next few months, and their work-people released to make munitions or service in the Forces.

Industries mainly affected will be those where war conditions have led to reduced production.

But even here where production in an industry has not been reduced, efficient concentration of manufacture may make some undertakings unnecessary.

Shoe Trade

The union and employers in the boot and shoe industry have already made a preliminary survey, which shows that this industry could, without hurt, release a substantial percentage of its men.

Similar surveys are proceeding in other industries, at the invitation of the Minister of Labour.

This is part of the plan fore-shadowed by Mr. Brown when he conferred recently with representatives of both sides of industry on his man-power proposals.



IN AN EFFORT to improve school air-raid shelters Manchester is experimenting with fireplaces. Here are workmen putting the finishing touches to a substantial specimen in a Wythenshawe school.

Four Men and A Girl Flew A Glider

Adventures of four men and a girl who flew a glider without authority were described recently at Eastleigh (Hants).

Accused under the Defence Regulations, Ronald Edward Clear, London Road, Purbrook, was fined £5.

Frank Sidney Walker Jolliffe, Dover Road, Portsmouth; Albert Frank Parslow, Connor Road, Portsmouth; Edward Jeremiah Hudson and Audrey Mary Barry, both of Woodman Inn, Purbrook, were all bound over.

Seen by Hundreds

Superintendent E. Pragnell said that a glider was seen in the sky by hundreds of people and caused a certain amount of concern.

Clear said that he was a pilot and hoped to become a test pilot. A firm made inquiries about the glider for overseas sale, and he decided to oblige a previous fault.

He went to test the glider together with his friends, who had no idea that what he proposed was illegal. He got the machine almost to the bottom of a hill and intended to do a short ground hop to test the stability.

Air Current

Rising air currents from the hill caused the glider to rise. He could have landed immediately, but the speed would have risen beyond the safe limit.

The only alternative was to fly away from the lift, which he did, and landed as soon as possible.

FOREIGNER BUYS CHINA BONDS

An anonymous foreigner in Chungking bought \$1,200,000 Chinese war bonds recently, according to the Wartime Bond Sales Promotion Committee.

Blood Donors' Morning After

Exhilarating Feeling

A Sydney doctor recently said that among the people who volunteer for blood transfusions some become almost addicts.

"They like the exhilaration one experiences the morning after having given a transfusion."

"We do not recommend people to give more than one transfusion in three months."

"An American, who gave 300 transfusions, is believed to hold the world's record."

Five men, who had each given from 10 to 20 blood transfusions, are already enrolled as emergency donors in case of air raids on Sydney.

One, aged 25, has a transfusion every three months, for the past five years.

BABY SAVED BY DOG

Scratching among debris after an air raid on a Southeast town, Peggy, a little rough-haired terrier, scraped away bricks and rubble from an overturned perambulator in which 12-month-old Gwen Warren was imprisoned. His devotion gave the baby enough air until a policeman was able to tunnel through and get the child out. The policeman also rescued the child's mother.

U.S. Navy Compares Strength With Axis

WASHINGTON, May 2 (UP).—The Navy has submitted tables to Congress showing the comparative strengths of the United States Fleet and those of the Axis powers. The following table gives the comparative strength in types of warships.

	JAN. 1, 1941	JAN. 1, 1942	JAN. 1, 1943
	U.S.	AXIS	U.S.
Battleships	15	20	17
Aircraft Carriers	6	8	8
Cruisers	37	75	37
Destroyers	159	271	174
Submarines	105	224	105
Total	312	698	341

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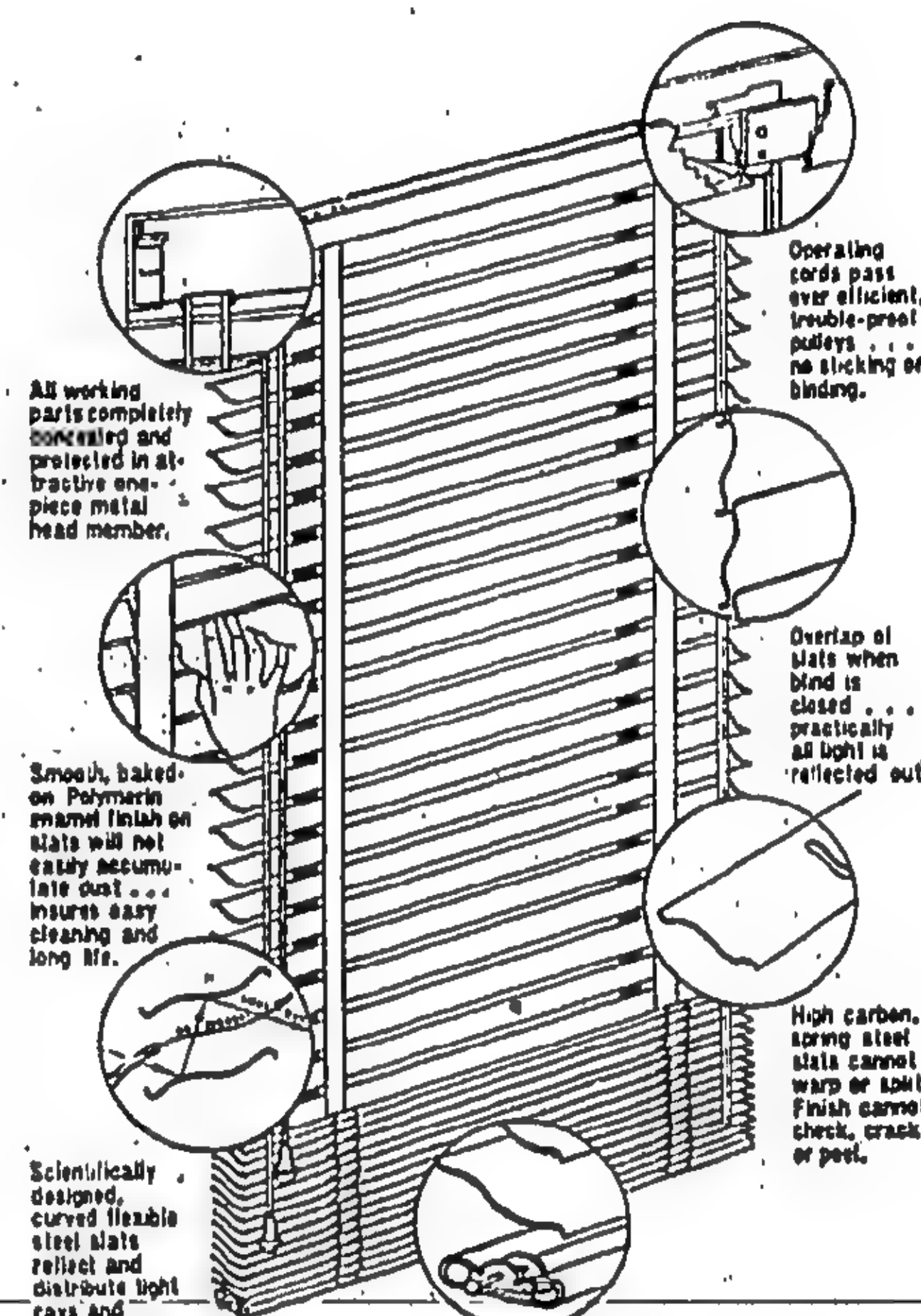
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Commons Debate On Balkans

→ FROM PAGE ONE

without the help of the French armies. Our forces were relatively small and what was worse, they had many serious shortages of equipment. In the late summer of last year the Government at home were deeply exercised by the situation in the Middle East. After General Wavell had come home, consultations with the Prime Minister, the Government took a decision to take great risks to reinforce that army.

Brilliant Successes

"We then sent out armoured units, men, material and aircraft, and it was that equipment and these weapons which enabled General Wilson and General O'Connor in their desert advance to secure such brilliant successes (Cheers).

"That decision was taken at the gravest risks in the light of our equipment here. Since then we have maintained a continuous stream of men and materials to the Middle East.

"This country has made that possible by submitting to restrictions of imports.

"With the collapse of France, fulfilment of obligations for equipment to Turkey and the guarantee to Greece fell exclusively on our shoulders.

"On our arrival in Cairo, we found there that the three C-in-Cs were in complete agreement with the policy advocated in London. We found in principle that the land formations to be sent out had already been decided on and preparations were in hand for their concentration.

"I would not have thought it necessary to mention this except that it was considered that the forces to be left in Crenala would be sufficient to meet any threats.

Visit To Athens

"After a brief interval we decided that all of us should go to Athens. I say all of us but I ought to exclude the C-in-C, Mediterranean, Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham, who had at that moment one of his occasional engagements with an elusive enemy (Battle of Matapan).

"The Greek King and Prime Minister at once made it abundantly clear that Greece was determined to resist German aggression as she had resisted Italian aggression. The Greek Prime Minister added that whatever the hopes of repulsing the enemy, Greece could defend her national territory if she could count only on her own forces (Cheers).

"At these discussions we told the Greek Government what we knew of the German plans. They came to the conclusion that the establishment of Anglo-Greek forces on the Halkonon Line offered a reasonable fighting chance of holding the German advance.

Smuts In Agreement

"The decision was reached very quickly and in complete agreement between the military experts of the two countries.

"It so happened that at that time we had the advantage of consulting in Cairo that most wise statesman and tried warrior, General Smuts (Cheers). I asked him if he could be kind enough to come to Cairo when we were there. With characteristic generosity he did so and we were able to consult him. He had authorised me to say and, indeed his speeches have since made plain, that he too was in complete agreement with the decision arrived at.

"From Greece there has been no repining and no recrimination. The other day I sent a message to the Greek Government congratulating them on the valour and actions of their troops and I received a reply which I should give to the House: 'Please assure the House of Commons and the British people that their eulogies of the Greek Army will touch the hearts of our whole nation. We will never forget the loyal and courageous help which the British and Imperial forces gave to our soldiers in defence of our native land. Our allies showed themselves worthy to rank with the ancient heroes of Thermopylae and to write letters of gold in the glorious pages of British history. I desire once again to assure you that we will continue the struggle by the side of our great allies, the noble people of the British Commonwealth until victory is won and the triumph of the ideals of liberty, morality and international justice is achieved. (Cheers).

Mr Eden continued: "I think the House will agree that the generous spirit of that message has animated the Greek nation throughout its ordeal." (Cheers).

Yugo-Slavia

Turning to Yugo-Slavia, Mr Eden said that when they arrived they got plenty of assurances that any German attack on Yugo-Slavia would be resisted, but, he said, "that was not enough. What was needed was a common plan so that if an attack developed, we should have the best chance of resisting it together (Cheers).

"We made every effort to secure this and every effort failed until the moment of the coup d'etat. During these conversations, we were given repeatedly to understand that the Yugo-Slav army was mobilised. When we pressed our anxieties that they would be too late, the reply always came: 'But we are mobilising as fast as the worst comes to the worst we shall be ready.'

"In fact that mobilisation had not proceeded fast enough and it was not until the coup d'etat that the new government made a real and urgent effort to get their armies ready. It was then too late—too late for the seas will in the world to mobilise armies and concentrate them where they ought to be if they were to give us the support and help needed.

Gallantry in Vain

"So it was, despite all the gallantry of the Yugo-Slav army which has been as splendid in this war as in the last, despite all that, without an effective plan, the Yugo-Slav armies could not and did not stop the German drive through Southern Serbia to the Moravia Gap. The result was that it is perhaps idle and unprofitable to speculate but had the Government, which preceded the coup d'etat, as clearly understood Yugo-Slavia's true interests as did the government of



YUGOSLAV SOLDIER—This grim-visaged soldier is typical of Yugoslavia's fighting men, who valiantly opposed the Nazis.

General Simovitch, the whole story might have been different. But none of these things can detract from the courage of the decision which the Yugo-Slav people eventually took.

"We have pledged ourselves to redeem Yugo-Slavia's independence and that pledge will be honoured (Cheers).

Turkish Friendship

"While we were in the Middle East we had frequent opportunities for conversations with Turkish statesmen. The Turkish Government were informed, as an ally, of our plans in connection with Greece. Throughout these conversations, I was deeply impressed by the loyal friendship shown by all the Turkish statesmen who we had occasion to meet and by the determination they and their people showed to stand firm against any menace to their sovereignty or any encroachment of their rights and interests.

"Since the beginning of this war, Turkey has rendered great service to our cause by her policy of independence. The importance of her role as a 'bulwark against further aggression in the Middle East is obvious. I am sure that loyalty to their alliance with this country will, as ever, be the basis of the Turkish Government's policy."

Iraq Situation

"Turning to Iraq, Mr Eden said: 'Unconstitutional action by Rashid Ali has already led once to his fall from power. When later he seized power again, the British Government saw no reason why this or any other event in Iraq should deprive them of their clear Treaty rights. Nothing can excuse the action of the Iraqi military leaders in first accepting and then challenging our clear Treaty rights. This country has a record of which it has no need to be ashamed in its dealings with the Arab people and above all with Iraq (Cheers). It was we who assured the independence to modern Iraq: it is we who have assisted them in every respect we have kept our word. I wish to make plain to the world our present position.

Our Position Explained

"We are grateful for the offer of good offices by the Turkish and Egyptian governments. Our position is: the first requisite is withdrawal of troops from Habbaniyah and cessation of hostilities against the British forces in Iraq. When this has been done and fighting between the allied nations has in consequence ceased, His Majesty's Government will be prepared to discuss the fulfilment of their Treaty rights which they are, in all circumstances, determined to maintain (Cheers).

"Many of their most distinguished leaders have already realised this."

Mr Eden said that for a long time, Italian papers were regularly expressing their hope of seeing a British defeat and had shown quite clearly that if their hopes were fulfilled, Italy would control the Arab lands of North Africa and elsewhere.

Interested Spectator

Mr Eden proceeded: "Every Arab must know what that means. In all recent history, there has been no rule more cruel and ruthless than that imposed by Italy on Arabs living in Tripoli and Cirenaica.

"What of the other partner? Hitler told us on Sunday that he was an interested spectator in the Balkans—a spectator whose rule is based on military might and of the Gestapo.

"Arabs in any land must know that approach of Axis rule means the end of their liberty which they have jealously guarded and which in alliance with us is safe to-day."

Concluding, Mr Eden declared: "Not once does Germany or Italy show anywhere the least respect for an engagement. Their only sanction is force."

"The United States to-day are helping us greatly in many spheres and in many ways. The more fully, the more rapidly, and the more certainly that help can reach the battle-fields in Asia, Africa and Europe, the shorter the duration of the war, that is why I welcome the immense step forward taken by the United States in deciding to send ships to the Red Sea.

"It must be our privilege, together with the help that we can receive from the United States, to win for the nations of Europe the right to live their lives in peace and tranquillity, secure at last from the haunting dread that shadows our time."

Nazis Angered By Films

German and Italian agents are going almost to any length to prevent the exhibition in Central and South America of films they do not like.

In Mexico City the showing of Chaplin's "The Great Dictator" and the British "Pastor Hall" was accompanied by organised violence and threats to the manager and his cinema, "Pastor Hall" was withdrawn after four days.

Another anti-Nazi film, "The World in Flames," was shown in Mexico City under police protection after demonstrators had kept up a campaign of yelling, stamping of feet and throwing stink bombs. The authorities have promised that in future such demonstrators will be dealt with firmly.

Pen Pals Not Desired

Soldiers Not Keen

Soldiers do not want to correspond with "pen pals" among the public. The War Office has announced that, owing to lack of demand among the troops, the scheme organised by the British Legion in the autumn of last year for placing men in touch with such correspondents had been brought to an end.

Col S. W. Ashwanden, chairman of the British Legion, said: "To avoid any suspicion that communications to the troops from unknown 'pen pals' might be subversive, the War Office asked the Legion to organise this scheme."

"After four or five months, however, we had 25,000 people who wanted to write to soldiers, and only 100 soldiers who were ready to reciprocate."

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After a recent R.A.F. raid on Hamburg, streets were closed by a hoarding bearing the sign: "Closed owing to construction work."

The next night someone added the inscription: "Building constructor—Winston Churchill."

The police have offered a reward for the discovery of the "signwriter."

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Forgotten Things On Sale

Forgotten relics of holidays (now themselves almost forgotten) were sold at Eastbourne recently.

Commonest articles left behind by holidaymakers were, as usual, gloves, umbrellas, and tobacco pouches. There were also many motor-car starting handles.

One item was a person's waistcoat. It sold for a price.

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TWO IMPORTANT SPEECHES, INDICATIVE OF THE TREND OF AMERICAN THOUGHT REGARDING THE PRESENT STRUGGLE OF THE DEMOCRACIES AGAINST HITLERISM, WERE DELIVERED YESTERDAY. IN THE ONE, COLONEL HENRY STIMSON, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WAR, SAID HE WAS IN FAVOUR OF THE UNITED STATES IMMEDIATELY USING ITS NAVY FOR THE CONVOYING OF WAR SUPPLIES TO BRITAIN: IN THE OTHER SENATOR CLAUDE PEPPER DECLARED THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE WILLING TO SPILL THEIR BLOOD TO CRUSH GERMANY AND THAT THEY ARE EAGERLY AWAITING RESPONSIBLE AND AUTHORITATIVE GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP TO PUT FORWARD A PROGRAMME FOR THE DEFEAT OF THE AXIS POWERS.

UNITED STATES PREPARING ITSELF TO GO TO WAR AGAINST THE AXIS POWERS

People Ready To Fight, Declares Senator Claude Pepper

By JOHN BEAL
Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, MAY 6, (UP).—SENATOR CLAUDE PEPPER TO-DAY TOLD THE SENATE THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE WILLING TO "SPILL THEIR BLOOD" TO CRUSH GERMANY, AND ARE EAGERLY AWAITING "RESPONSIBLE AND AUTHORITATIVE" GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP TO PUT FORWARD A PROGRAMME TO DEFEAT THE AXIS POWERS.

He declared that the loss of life that would result from American military action at this time would be preferable to the risk of having to send an American Expeditionary Force abroad later. "If we lost a few lives now, the sacrifice would be immaterial compared with what we would have at some future time," he stated.

He said the time had come for the American people to "get tough with somebody on a foreign front," and he added that the United States together with Britain should occupy Dakar, the Cape Verde Islands and other sea approaches to West Africa and Greenland. At the same time, Senator Pepper called on President Roosevelt to proclaim a full state of emergency to speed up war aid for the democracies.

WANTS FAR EAST ACTION

The Senator also advocated that the United States should occupy points in the Far East that would "shut up the Japanese navy back in its own lair," adding that a "few American pilots and a few first class American bombers can make a shambles out of Tokyo."

Throughout the course of the Administration's foreign policy in the current European war, Senator Pepper has been sort of an "advance agent," advocating action which was subsequently adopted. Therefore, the special attention to the speech by the isolationist group indicated that they would reply that they are willing to go to war if there is no other method of preventing an Axis triumph. "That is the way the American people feel. I am confident that that is the way they feel," the Senator declared.

Language They Understand

Senator Pepper advocated changing the law which prohibits the Chinese from recruiting here.

"In my opinion, 50 modern bombing planes with American pilots at the throttles could make a shambles out of Tokyo," adding that dropping some bombs "in an inadvertent way" on Tokyo would "speak in a language the Japanese understand."

"I hope, if I do not believe, that these planes are on their way there now," he declared that aggressive action by the United States is necessary now to "close the exits of Europe, Africa and Asia" to the Axis.

Wants Convoys



Col. Henry Stimson

Stimson Wants U.S. Navy to Convoy War Supplies to Britain

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, May 6 (UP).—In a nationwide broadcast to-night, the Secretary of War, Colonel Henry Stimson advocated the use of the United States Navy to safeguard shipments of war supplies to Britain.

He warned Germany that the United States would not "flinch and permit these munitions to be sunk in the Atlantic," stating that "we have taken our place definitely behind the warring democracies and against aggressors in the defence of our freedom."

He declared: "If to-day that (American) navy should make secure the seas for the delivery of our munitions to Britain, it will render as great a service to our country and to the preservation of American freedom as it has ever rendered in all its glorious history."

Germany, he said, has confronted that world, including the United States, with the "alternative of abject surrender or uncompromising resistance," adding, "I cannot recall the United States throughout its history has ever yielded to such a demand."

President's Approval

The broadcast, which presumably had President Roosevelt's approval, was regarded as the most outspoken utterance yet made by a responsible Government official regarding the war situation.

The Secretary asserted that the United States fleet, supplementing the Royal Navy, "can render secure all oceans north and south, east and west which surround our continent. In that way, it can help hold in check the onward rush of the tide of Nazism, and permanently confine the malignant forces of despotism until the virus has run its course and the tide of freedom has begun to rise again."

Perverted Conviction

Colonel Stimson declared that a "small group of evil leaders" taught young Germans that "the freedom of other men and nations must be destroyed. To-day those young men are ready to die for that perverted conviction. Unless we, on our side, are ready to sacrifice and if need be die, for the conviction that freedom in America must be saved, it will not be saved. Only by readiness for the same sacrifice can that freedom be preserved."

Referring to the non-interventionists, Colonel Stimson asserted that "to be frightened into the belief that Hitler has created a new and permanent world order would be just as naive as it would be cowardly." He added: "The so-called new order of Hitler is not new and it has not and never will create order in this world."

*Text of Speech on Page Five.

Commons Appeals For Faster and Fuller Aid From U.S.

By EDWARD BEATTIE
Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, May 6 (UP).—The Churchill Government which is staking its life on a vote of confidence in Parliament, appealed to the United States for fuller and faster aid to defeat the Axis war machine on the battlefronts of Europe, Africa and Asia.

The appeal was raised by the Labourites for "complete co-operation of the British and United States navies" to permit the dispatch of warships to the Mediterranean.

U. S. Bans Defence Exports To Russia

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, May 6 (Domel).—The United States has decided to halt all exports of machinery and other equipment which can be utilised in defence production to the Soviet Union.

It is understood that the United States reached the decision following the conclusion of the Japanese-Soviet neutrality pact, and also in view of the Soviet Union's anomalous position in the current European war.

Observers believe that this action by the United States might have serious effects on the present Soviet-United States relations, as it is reported that the action has been taken despite Russia's strenuous diplomatic efforts to obtain necessary export permits for machinery and other equipment, and despite the fact that the Soviet Union has placed orders for a large amount of machinery some months ago.

U.S. Fighters Reach N.E.I.

Special to the "Telegraph"

BATAVIA, May 7 (UP).—Among the new shipment of American planes which recently arrived in the Netherlands East Indies are an "appreciable number" of Brewster Buffalo fighters. The N.E.I. pilots received this consignment with enthusiasm, emulating the R.A.F.'s satisfaction with the new ship when it arrived in Singapore recently.

The Buffalos will, according to army air circles, be a "most welcome addition to the Curtiss Hawks which make up part of the N.E.I. Fighter Command."

U.S. Pilots Lost

Special to the "Telegraph"

OTTAWA, May 6 (UP).—It is officially disclosed that eleven United States aviators who were engaged in flying United States bombers to Britain were lost, with 11 other passengers, in the recent sinking of a ship attributed to enemy action.

Many Americans Employed

NEW YORK, May 6 (Domel).—Regarding the Ottawa report that 11 United States aviators were missing, information available here indicated that some 800 United States citizens are employed in the British and Imperial air service in England and Canada. Some 40 are said to be serving planes across the Atlantic.

BLITZ ON SCOTLAND

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 7 (UP).—The Luftwaffe again swarmed over many parts of Scotland last night and early to-day, concentrating on the western area. The attacks on central and other parts of Scotland were more widespread than on previous nights and indicated that the intensity of the raid on west Scotland was increasing this morning.

Airfields Bombed
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, May 6 (UP).—Informed quarters state that the Luftwaffe to-day carried out the most extensive daylight attacks in weeks, bombing the naval dockyards at Plymouth and Newcastle and four airfields. They claim that German planes shot down four barrage balloons near Dover.

The four airports were: Lymington where they bombed the hangars and destroyed a Hurricane on the ground; West Rainton where the hangars were set afire; Linton where they destroyed the barracks. The Luftwaffe also sank a 3,000 ton vessel north of Blythe near Newcastle.

President Roosevelt Unwell

WASHINGTON, May 6 (Reuter).—After his conference with Defence Chiefs, President Roosevelt suddenly became ill with a stomach derangement and a slight temperature. The President's doctor described his condition as nothing serious.

Squatters' Hut Blaze Questions

Legislative Council

At the meeting of the Legislative Council to-morrow, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo will ask:

(1) Will Government make a full statement on the recent fire of the squatters' huts at Tai Hang; and in particular:

(a) What notice was given to the squatters before the huts were destroyed?

(b) By whom, on whose authority and under what powers the huts were set on fire?

(c) Were only the huts destroyed or were personal belongings of the squatters also destroyed?

(d) What arrangements have been made for the accommodation of the squatters whose huts were destroyed?

(e) Will Government make any statement regarding the recent representations made by the former night-soil collectors now replaced by Government employees?

Willkie Is Right

NEW YORK, May 6 (Reuter).—The "New York Times" contrasting Mr. Wendell Willkie and Colonel Lindbergh says: "Mr Willkie is right, in his insistence that our security depends upon British survival; he stands with the President and an overwhelming majority of the American people."

"Colonel Lindbergh's assertions of our military weakness are at best merely arguments for redoubled aid to Britain so that she may hold the line while we increase our strength to meet this deadly threat."

Douglas Co. Meeting

SAGRES IS STILL HELD BY JAPANESE NAVY

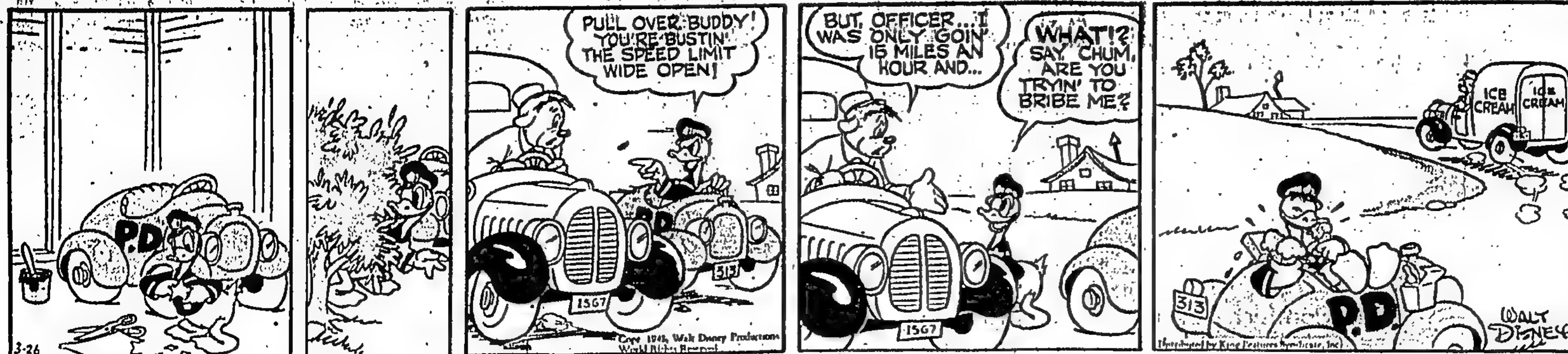
The fifty-eighth annual general meeting of the Douglas Steamship Company Limited was held at the Company's Offices in P. and O. Building this morning, when a very favourable report was presented by Mr S. T. Williamson, Chairman of the Consulting Committee, who presided.

Others present were Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr L. J. Davies, Mr M. H. Turner (Consulting Committee), Mr T. Ramsey, Captain W. E. Kirby, Captain W. B. Paton, Messrs N. V. A. Croucher, C. B. Brown, Hon Yan-lam, and C. L. Farmer (Secretary). The Chairman said: "After paying all Running Expenses, Docking Charges, Insurance Premium, Allowances and War Taxation and Transferring \$300,000 to General Reserve, the sum available for distribution is \$352,505.25. This sum includes a carry forward from last year of \$292,180.25 less the sum of \$105,280 being payment of dividend for 1939 and bonus to officers. Your Consulting Committee and General TURN to Back Page, Column 4."

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Company to some extent and gave them a chance to get clear.

Evidently the Germans believed that a strong force occupied the ridge, for they sent over a terrific barrage of shells, about sixty a minute, and the position became too hot to hold.

Captain Alexander ordered Barker to take one platoon back along the top of the ridge, while he took the other along the valley. "Then one of us will be sure to get back," he said.

He waited, and then "C" Company came in sight. With them were some men from the Kensingtons.

Less than 300 yards behind them came the first wave of the Germans just appearing over a rise in the ground in extended formation. Now and then Gordons and Kensingtons halted to fire at the Germans.

Sergt. Preston and his crew then "let fly." They got the range immediately and the Germans wavered. The Bren guns maintained a devastating fire and the Nazis broke. "C" Company and the Kensingtons came through.

It had been a pretty desperate situation until the Bren guns appeared, but Lt. Barker and the remnant of the two platoons got safely out of the Germans' reach. For nearly half an hour the Bren guns held the waves of German infantry at bay.

Then Sergt. Preston's second gunner drew his attention to heavy machine-gun fire about 400 yards away on the right. The Germans were again coming in on the flank. So he withdrew his carriers to another position, where he waited for about an hour without seeing any sign of the enemy.

As Lt. Barker's party struggled back on foot they were sniped at all the way. They stopped at one village and tried to harness a horse to a cart to get the wounded back. The horse was unbroken and looked like causing more damage than the Germans, so they abandoned the project.

They carried on their way, those who had been unhurt helping the wounded along, until they were overtaken by Sergeant Preston and his carriers. The wounded were then placed on board and taken to the Receiving Aid Post.

With the rapidly-changing scene Sgt. Preston had difficulty in finding Battalion Headquarters, which was now moving from place to place. He discovered a discarded motor cycle, with which he went on ahead to try to find Headquarters.

Reaching a fork, he chose to go to the right, but he had not gone far before he found R.S.M. Lee's truck lying on the road riddled with machine-gun bullets. Near it lay another of the battalion's trucks. He decided he had taken the wrong turning and went back to the fork. By the other road he eventually made up on Battalion Headquarters and the Receiving Aid Post.

From Lt. Brooke he learned that all the carriers had been lost except the two he was bringing back, and one of them was so badly shot up that it had to be sent away for repairs. They never saw it again. Mortar shells accounted for two of the other carriers.

Sgt. Preston informed the M. O. that the carriers, coming on behind, had some wounded on board; so the M.O. took the motor cycle he had brought in and went out to meet them. They all arrived back, twenty minutes later.

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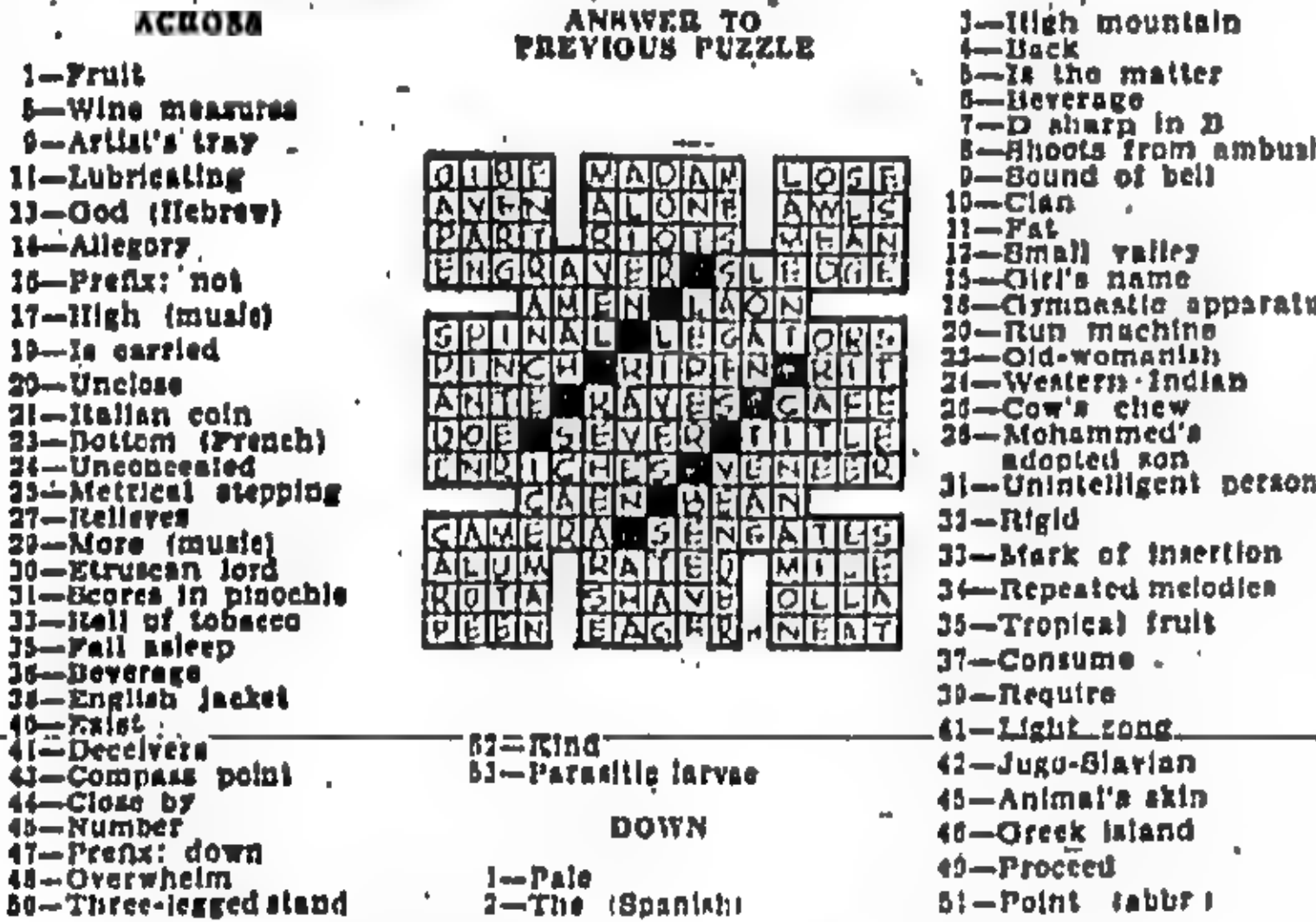
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Libel Suit Called "Waste Of Time"

Making his final submissions for Miss Edith Sitwell, the authoress, and her author brothers, Osbert and Sacheverell, in their libel action in the King's Bench Division, Mr. G. O. Slade reminded the Judge that in one libel case a princess was awarded £25,000 damages without proving she had suffered a farthing's worth of damage.

Mr. Slade asked for damages that would mark to the whole world that the imputation against the Sitwells was entirely without foundation.

The Sitwells sued the Co-operative Press Ltd., printers and publishers, and Mr. Sydney R. Elliott, editor of "Reynolds' News." They complained that a review of "Edith Sitwell's Anthology" in "Reynolds' News" imputed that they had no literary ability and that their arrogance and conceit constituted their sole claim to any good except the three Sitwells who obviously desired publicity and the defence was a denial of the nothing else.

Told of the platoon's danger by the dispatch rider, P. S. M. Carnochan decided to retire.

Keeping up fire with a German Tommy gun he had picked up, the Sergeant-Major covered the withdrawal of his platoon to a canal. They crawled along the bank, and eventually he made them get into the water because they were still being sniped. For four miles they waded, sometimes waist-deep until they reached company headquarters at Gouy.

Captain Alexander's party could see Germans moving on the ridge opposite that on which they had taken up their positions. They started immediately to rake the Nazis with an intense fire. This diverted their attention from P. S. M. Carnochan's platoon and the Germans were seen again.

With his two remaining carriers, Sergt. Preston selected positions in an orchard which provided him with excellent cover. It was fairly open country, and his guns dominated a wide ex-

panse. He waited, and then "C" Company came in sight. With them were some men from the Kensingtons.

Less than 300 yards behind them came the first wave of the Germans just appearing over a rise in the ground in extended formation. Now and then Gordons and Kensingtons halted to fire at the Germans.

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WRONG METHODS

IF public sympathy for the unemployed night soil carriers is rapidly diminishing, this is very largely the fault of the people concerned. First reaction to their grievance was based more on sentiment than knowledge. Since then certain facts have been made known which throw a different light on the situation.

First blunder by the protesters was to reject Government's offer of re-employment following official control of the night soil system. This suggested petulance rather than sober-minded opposition. Perhaps too the move was planned with the object of forcing Government's hand; if so it failed, and rightly. Deliberate refusal to accept employment is difficult to justify, and serves only to place the people concerned in a false position. It is tantamount to attempted coercion, which especially at this time, is intolerable.

Complainants overlooked another important point. Government cannot break its own laws and employ child labour, which so many of the women carriers demand. Too often under the old system were children exploited in this way. If only to bring an end to this, Government's determined refusal to be intimidated is welcome.

The time has arrived when the disgruntled night soil coolies should be properly advised. The authorities are not lacking in sympathy for them as witness Mr. E. B. Teesdale's declaration on Monday; but there are right and wrong methods of securing redress, and to date, the demonstrators have chosen the latter. Parades around the city and to Government House will avail nothing. They merely antagonise the authorities, who are willing to listen to reasonable complaints through the proper channels.

What should be impressed upon these people is that there exists no possibility of a return to the old system of night soil collection, and that they are wasting their time clamouring for it. Government is prepared to do what it can for them—re-employment as far as possible, and where this cannot be effected, material assistance for the genuinely distressed.

HOW TO PROTECT THE CONVOYS

With American products to Britain being destroyed in transit in ever larger quantities, it is urgent that a more effective system for the protection of British merchant shipping in the north Atlantic be instituted without delay.

A practical solution of the problem, in the writer's opinion, has long been available but has been stymied by sheer inertia and limited strategic vision. Briefly, it is the application to the job of guarding ocean commerce of Germany's own technique of attack on that commerce.

The inadequacy of the present convoy system has long been apparent, and various plans for improving or displacing it have been under discussion. One of the latest suggestions is for establishment of a destroyer land or "bridge" across the Atlantic, formed by a chain of these fighting ships at regularly spaced posts, each patrolling a definite segment of ocean.

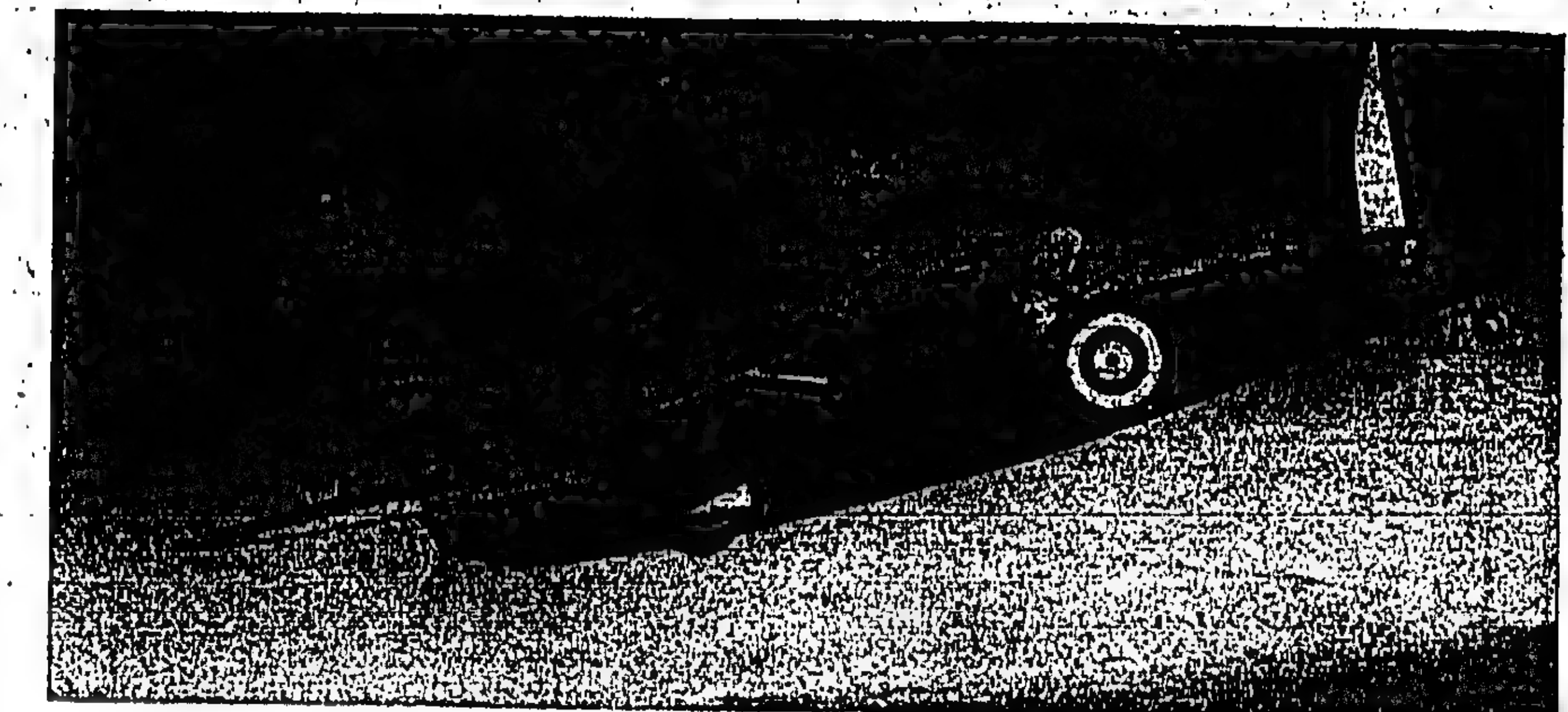
Sensible Approach

This is a sensible approach to the problem. Unfortunately the nearest co-ordinated destroyer would be directed to finish the job, so that the entire path would be made untenable for Nazi submarines. Only when directed by command could the proposed side—already one-third the distance and soon one-half—would still be exposed to the serious and growing hazard of destruction from the skies.

To begin with, American aircraft have the necessary range; at cruising speeds the great majority can cover at least 1,200 miles. That gives them an effective operating radius of about 500 miles, which is plenty to and to spare for the maintenance of the canopy of air power. Moreover, practically all of these American pursuits carry bombs and are equipped for blind flying, to meet the challenge of unfavourable weather.

Unbroken Path

The function of this unbroken path of air power, of bridge linking the two shores of the Atlantic at its narrowest, would not be limited to direct assault on enemy craft. Under normal conditions, submarines are perfectly visible to aircraft



An expert suggests co-ordination of planes and ships in ensuring the safety of American products for Britain while at sea. "It is about time that sea power sent an SOS to air power, instead of spinning in the old circle," he declares, envisaging a wide canopy of aircraft over the Atlantic that will beat Hitler at his own game.

By Major ALEXANDER P. DE SEVERSKY

overhead even when they kind of co-ordination, to the ocean, from Newfoundland are submerged. I have my put the matter bluntly, land to the north of Scotland self spotted and fought which now characterises land.

U-boats from the skies re-Nazi methods of attack. There is every reason to believe that Hitler's co-ordinated power, under which German seacraft would find it virtually impossible to operate. What is more, under the shield of such a canopy British destroyers and armed merchantmen could be really effective, since the aircraft not only would rain destruction on the enemy but serve as a continuous surveillance service, guiding the movements of the destroyers. And the trouble with that pro-establishment of such a canopy is altogether possible, even with the present types of aviation equipment.

Furthermore, it is not impossible that the transportation of American bombers posal, and with so many of establishment of such a canopy is altogether possible, even with the present types of aviation equipment.

Germany's counter-blockade of Britain has been achieved through a remarkable co-ordination of air and sea strength. Nazi aircraft have reached out hundreds of miles west of Ireland. They have not only bombed British ships but have directed their surface and subsurface seacraft to their targets.

If the war thus far has established any single strategic truth beyond doubt, it is that surface operations are impossible if the air overhead is in the control of an enemy. In the Atlantic at its narrowest, this line with this elementary preparation and poses that Britain take over the path of sky right across, equipment is not yet available.

Readily Patrolled

That, however, does not cancel out the possibility of a canopy of air power anchored at a number of intermediary bases. Because of present limitations in the range of aeroplanes, the route of protected commerce must be shifted northward and marked by air bases at Newfoundland, Greenland, Iceland, the Faroes and northern Scotland. These points are nowhere more than 600 miles apart; a distance that can be readily patrolled by existing British and American aircraft.

Continuous patrol of stretches some 300 miles from the bases in both directions would provide a cover of uninterrupted air vigilance all the way across the ocean. Much has been said about the shortcomings of American pursuits when matched against German Messerschmitts, but these American planes happen to be wonderfully adapted for the purposes of such ocean patrol service and could immediately undertake this task, which is every bit as vital as any other single phase of the British defence in the air. (Copyright 1941 by United Press)



REVISED VERSION

FULL TEXT OF COLONEL STIMSON'S BRILLIANT BROADCAST SPEECH

WASHINGTON, May 6 (Reuter).—Immediate use of the United States Navy "to make the seas secure for the delivery of munitions to Britain," was urged by Colonel Henry Stimson, Secretary for War, in a broadcast speech to the nation to-night.

"The world is facing so great a crisis that all our efforts must be turned toward the defence of our nation's safety," he declared.

At the outset, Colonel Stimson answered some critics who to-day were calling him a war-monger and who opposed America's present efforts at national defence. "The fact is that for many years after the Great War, both as a private citizen and as Secretary of State, I laboured with my full strength for the establishment of the reign of law among nations under which their controversies should be settled by judicial methods instead of by force."

Once Hopeful

"There was a time when such a movement seemed full of hope. For day that time has passed—temporarily, we trust—and our hopes of peace have been dashed by international aggression. The world is now facing so great a crisis that all our efforts must be turned toward the defence of our nation's safety."

"For that reason to-night I am speaking of that crisis and of our defence in meeting it."

"In 1933 a group of men, under the leadership of Adolf Hitler, obtained possession of the government of Germany and overthrew the German Republic. Both within and without Germany, they have set back the clock more than five centuries. They have embarked on a scheme of conquest which is avowedly intended to be worldwide. For that purpose they have built up in secret an immense military machine based on the forced labour of Germany."

Enslaved Countries

"They have already attacked, conquered and occupied Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Norway, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, France, Rumania, Hungary, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia and have reduced the people of those 13 countries to serfdom and semi-slavery to Nazi despotism."

"They have attacked to their Axis as vassals two other nations dominated by the same purpose of military conquest—Italy, guilty of unprovoked attacks upon Ethiopia, Albania and Greece, and Japan, guilty of a similar attack upon her neighbour."

"By this conquest they have destroyed western civilisation which has been slowly building up in Europe ever since the dark ages."

"We are so close to these sudden happenings that we can hardly yet realise the havoc which has thus been wrought both within and without the national boundaries of that unhappy continent. The growth of freedom had been so long and so steady that we had come to believe that it would soon be the recognised system of the whole world."

Dashed Aside

"All at once it has been dashed aside, trampled on by these Nazi rulers who are proposing to establish a world order in which they shall be masters and the people of all other nations their slaves. They have left no such thing as individual rights of liberty within their territory or international rights of independence without their territory."

"Both domestic and international law have gone down under their blows. For the rule of law, which has substituted the rule of the Gestapo, the secret police under whose malign terrorism no vestige of personal freedom is safe."

Tentacles in Americas

"This is the so-called New Order we face to-day. It has openly announced its hostility to us and to our order. It has been steadily encircling our western world. Its advance agents are already busy in the republics south of us, building strategic air lines through vital positions in that continent and creeping up towards our Panama Canal. Its armed forces are threatening West Africa and looking towards a jumping-off place within easy reach of the Brazilian coast. Its propagandists are already vigorously active in our own population."

"Hitler and his military associates have seized their opportunities with uncommon skill. They have used their power to inculcate into the plastic minds of the regeneration of youth the abhorrent reactionary doctrines of Nazism and hatred of other men."

Secret Army Built

"They have taken advantage of modern science to develop in secret, while other nations slept, a mechanized striking force of unprecedented power. They have used every method of duplicity and propaganda to surprise their victim nations with sudden attack."

"They now arrogantly confront the world, including ourselves, with the alternative of abject surrender or uncompromising, forceful resistance. I cannot recall that the United States, throughout its history—even when it was small and weak—has yielded to such a demand. Let us see whether there is any need to change our policy now."

Historical Reaction

"In the first place, this so-called New Order of Hitler's is not new; and it does not and never will create order in this world. Hitler's regime of brutal lawlessness is merely one of those temporary reactions which have occurred at intervals during all man's long history of progress upward. Since his origin millions of years ago ambitious men have many times attempted worldwide conquest over the liberties of their fellow men. But they have never permanently succeeded and they never will."

Advantage of Lull

"Hitler has taken advantage of the discontent of the troubled postwar period to impose his rule upon a docile-minded nation which has more than once temporarily yielded its love of liberty to the efficiency of the autocrat. His rise has been facilitated by many accidents which might easily have been prevented. Many an unwary sentinel of liberty has been caught napping at vital moments. But as always has happened before, the progress of man along the path of freedom will be taken up again and carried forward with a new spirit and with fresh knowledge acquired by the unhappy experiences of the past."

"To be frightened into belief that Hitler had created a new and permanent world order would be as native as it would be cowardly."

Naval Assistance

Colonel Stimson describing his suggestion of full American naval assistance to Britain, said: "For many years we have been building and maintaining our Navy. On the day that the Navy should make secure the seas for delivery of our munitions to Great Britain, it will render as great a service to our own country and to the preservation of American freedom as it has rendered in all its glorious history."

"Supplementing the efforts of the British Navy, it can render secure all oceans north, south, west and east which surround our continent. In that way it can help to hold in check the rush of the tide of Nazism until the other defence forces of all democracies are completed. This would eventually and permanently confine the force of despotism until the virus has run its course and the tide of freedom has begun to rise again."

Importance of Present

"On the other hand, if our Navy's assistance should be withheld until the power of the British Fleet and nation is broken, its own power of execution would at once shrink to but an impotent fraction of what it could do at the present moment. If we should allow the present strategic moment to pass until the power of the British Navy is gone, our navy would become merely a secondary power instead of a decisive winning power in the world contest."

"It is conceivable that the American people would allow this to happen after the carefully determined course which we have pursued until this moment, after the clear statements and appeals made by our President in respect of the danger which confronts us, after the overwhelming response to his appeals which has been made by Congress, after we have taken our place definitely behind the warring democracies and against aggressor nations in the defence of freedom, after providing for billions of dollars worth of munitions to carry on that defence and while we hold in our hands instruments ready and able to make all these steps effective? Shall we now flinch and permit these munitions to be sunk in the Atlantic Ocean?"

No Precedent

"Our entire history shows no precedent to make such a supposition credible. Neither the Government nor the people of the United States have ever given occasion to make anyone believe that such an act of irresponsibility and indecision would be possible."

"The unrestricted submarine warfare Germany is carrying on in the North Atlantic, sinking ships without warning and without the possibility of saving the lives of their crews, is not legal blockade under the rules of marine warfare. It has never been recognised as lawful by the United States. America's spokesmen at International Conferences have again and again condemned it as a form of piracy."

Violation of Humanity

"It was expressly the violation of law and humanity involved in unprovoked submarine warfare which in 1917 caused the President and Congress to take up arms in defence of freedom of the seas. To-day Germany by these same illegal means, is not only seeking to frighten our commerce and our vessels from the Atlantic but she has extended even into the Western Hemisphere, a zone which she has also forbidden to us."

"Hitler has not only torn up the rules of international law but he is expanding his lawless activities into our hemisphere. Our Government is acting with care and prudence. But our own self defence requires that limits should be put to lawless aggression on the ocean."

"The President has said that we must not allow the steps which we have already taken to become ineffective."

No Gloom Or Despondency

"I do not minimise the danger which confronts us. This is an occasion for grave seriousness but not for gloom or despondency. I have studied the military policy of the Axis Powers and I do not underestimate the courage of their men in battle. But I also know well the initiative, aptitude and courage of the men of this country. I have become familiar with plans which are being made by our military and naval leaders for our defence. I have seen the results of their promptness and are united in spirit. I have full faith in the outcome. But I am not one of those who think that the priceless freedom of our country can be saved without sacrifice. It cannot. That has not been the way whereby during a million years humanity has slowly and painfully toiled upwards to a better and more humane civilization."

President's Approval

"WASHINGTON, May 6 (UP).—That Colonel Stimson's radio broadcast last night had President Roosevelt's tacit approval was confirmed by Mr. Stephen Early, the President's Secretary to-day."

"You may assume that he talked with the President about the speech."

Local Drive For China Defence

The China Defence League, of which Madame Sun Yat-sen is chairman, will shortly launch a four-day "Bowl of Rice" Movement in Hongkong to raise relief funds.

Measures for the campaign are now under discussion. It is understood that some 10,000 coupons each worth \$2 and entitling to one or two bowls of fried rice will be issued by various restaurants. During the campaign, Madame Sun Yat-sen and other responsible members of the League will personally go to the various restaurants to make inspections and to give whatever assistance needed.

In response to a letter from Mrs. Selwyn-Clarke Hon. Secretary of the League, the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce at its meeting yesterday decided to support the movement. A special committee of 11, including Mr. P. Gockhlin, Ng Tseh-wei, Lum Pui-sung, Lou Tse-tung and Wong Mow-lam, was elected to take charge of the matter.

A reception will shortly be given by the Chinese Defence League to the Press and leaders of various circles to explain the significance of the coming movement.

His Excellency Sir Geoffrey Northcote, the Governor, Madame Sun and Mr. M. K. Lo are expected to attend.

MEXICO IS SOLIDLY WITH U. S.

Anti-Totalitarian

NEW YORK, May 6 (Reuter).—Mexico's opposition to totalitarian expansion was unequivocally expressed by the Mexican Foreign Minister, Senor Padilla, writing in the Carnegie Foundation's publication, "International Conciliation."

Senor Padilla declared: "Mexico is prepared to take a stand with other Western Hemisphere democracies in opposing totalitarian expansion and fifth column activity. America's destiny is to take part in the fray." Later in the same article, Senor Padilla writes: "The Mexican people, with full consciousness of the cause they are embracing, are fully resolved to share that destiny. We must, therefore, prepare. We must resolutely co-operate with one another for the defence of this hemisphere."

Toll of Night Raiders Mounts

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—Germany has lost 41 night bombers already this month. This total—nearly half of the record April losses—was reached with the announcement that two additional raiders, it is now confirmed, were brought down on Sunday night by anti-aircraft fire.

Thus, this year's Luftwaffe losses by night total 203, which compares with 130 for the whole of 1940, of which 93 were brought down from June onwards.

Two more enemy aircraft were brought down in the Channel on Tuesday in daylight when small formations crossed the Kent coast and flew a short distance inland.

The Air Ministry says that bombs were dropped on one town on the Kent coast and on another on the east coast, but little damage was done and there were no serious casualties.

IRAQ BOMBING

CAIRO, May 6 (UP).—The R.A.F. bombed the Iraqi military position at Divaniya to-day. Many direct hits were scored on the barracks and administrative buildings, according to an R.A.F. communique.

The R.A.F. communique stated that motor transport and personnel in the Iraqi positions outside of Habbaniyah were bombed and several direct hits were registered on gun positions. The R.A.F. constantly patrolled the Iraqi positions and the results of their shelling on the R.A.F. station and of the little machine-gun fire was negligible.

Motor transport at Falluja was also bombed and hit.

Far East Flying Training School

A graduation tea dance is being held at the Peninsula Hotel, Rose Room, on Saturday May 11, from 5-7 p.m.

U.S. Defence Heads Will Speed Bomber Output

WASHINGTON, May 6 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt has called in the chief members of the Cabinet and the heads of the Army and Navy for discussion on the question of accelerating the production of bombers.

The conference was attended by Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, Colonel Stimson, Secretary of War, Mr. Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, Colonel Knox, Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Harry Hopkins, Supervisor of the Lend and Lease Act operations, General George Marshall, Army Chief of Staff, Admiral Stark, Chief of Naval Operations, and Major-General H. Arnold, Chief of the Army Air Corps.

One of the chief purposes of the conference will be to consider the need of a fast output of heavy bombers.

Mr. Roosevelt is reported to hope for an output of 500 a month. According to White House officials, the conference will provide the opportunity for Major-General Arnold, who has just returned from Britain, to make a complete report to what some quarters call the "War Cabinet." Meantime, Mr. Roosevelt has appointed Major-General James Burns, who is a member of the Executive Committee of the Army and Navy Munitions Board, as assistant to Mr. Harry Hopkins to handle the detailed work under the Aid for Britain programme.

Grandee's Death Presumed

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—Leave to presume the death on or since November 8, 1936, of Carlos Fernando Stuart y Falcó, Duke of Penaranda, was granted in the Probate Court to-day, the application being made by the Duke's brother, the Duke of Alba, the Spanish Ambassador to London.

An affidavit by the Duke of Alba stated that the Duke of Penaranda was interned in the model prison in Madrid in the summer of 1936 with other sympathisers of the National movement. Removed from the prison on or about the following November, he is believed to have been assassinated. Since then his widow and child and brother had not been heard from the Duke of Penaranda, who left an estate of about £30,000 in Britain.

Greek Units Join Fleet

CANEA, Crete, May 6 (Reuter).—Greek submarines have sailed to Alexandria where they have joined the British Fleet, states an official statement on the fate of the Greek Fleet.

Of ten destroyers, three were sunk. Two of 13 torpedo boats have succeeded in reaching Alexandria.

U.S. Diplomats' Movements

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, May 6 (UP).—In connection with Mr. Nelson Johnson's departure from Chungking which is scheduled for May 14, it is understood that Mr. Clarence Gauss, the new Ambassador is due in Hongkong on May 17, after which he is expected to come to Chungking before the end of the month.

It is understood that Mr. Richard Ruterick, former Acting Consul at Shanghai is coming to Chungking to act as Counselor to the Embassy, probably with Ambassador Gauss. The Military Attache, Colonel William Mayer, left for Hongkong a day or two ago.

Swedish Minister In Helsinki

HELSINKI, May 6 (Reuter).—The Swedish Foreign Minister, M. Christian Guenther, has arrived here on an unofficial visit.

He was greeted at the aerodrome by the Finnish Foreign Minister.

Kleffens' Fearless Speech

N. E. I. Determination

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BATAVIA, May 6 (UP).—The Dutch Foreign Minister, Mr. van Kleffens, made a broadcast speech to the people of the Netherlands East Indies in which he issued the most abrupt statement yet officially made regarding the attitude of the N.E.I. to aggression.

Referring to the Manila talks with the British, C-in-C, Far East, Air Chief Marshal Brooke-Popham, Mr. van Kleffens said, "Our position should not be regarded apart from that of other territories with which, by the mere fact of our geographical position, the N.E.I. is closely linked."

"A few days ago the British Commander-in-Chief whom I recently had the pleasure of meeting in Manila, pointed out in a press conference that politically and militarily the line running from Singapore across the Indies to Australia must be considered as a unit and attack from outside at any point along this line must be regarded and treated as an attack on the whole. This sensible view is to be taken to heart. Far be it from me to use challenging language. That is not the Dutch habit, but it also would not be our habit to leave any doubt with regard to our firm resolve to fight against aggression."

British War Communique

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—"In the Habbaniyah area, British aircraft were again active yesterday," states a communique from the British G.H.Q. in Cairo.

"Hostile shelling was intermittent and inaccurate."

"In the Basra area, the situation remains quiet."

"Libya.—Tobruk: No change in the situation."

"In the Sollum area, the activities of our ground and air forces were severely hampered by a heavy sand storm."

"Abyssinia.—Further progress was made by our forces northward from Dessie on the rear of the Italian position about Amba Alagi."

"Advancing from Neghelli, our troops ejected and inflicted heavy casualties on a strong enemy force holding a position covering Adola."

"In other sectors our advance is continuing."

New Zealand Command

WELLINGTON, May 6 (Reuter).—The Minister of Defence announced that Brigadier Edward Puttick has been appointed to be in temporary command of the New Zealand forces in Crete in place of Major-General C. B. Freyberg, who has been appointed by the Greek Government to command all the Allied forces in Crete.

Koo As Ambassador

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, May 6 (UP).—The Executive Yuan to-day formally appointed Dr. Wellington Koo as Ambassador to London. Dr. Wei Taoming was appointed Ambassador to France. Dr. Wei is now Secretary of the General Executive Yuan.

Life Imprisonment For Abusing Public Trust

KWEILIN, May 6 (Central News).—Convicted of selling public foodstuffs for private gain, Shen Yi, deputy director of the Kwangtung Food Control Bureau, has been sentenced by the Kweilin Office of the Generalissimo's Headquarters to life imprisonment and deprivation of civil rights for life.

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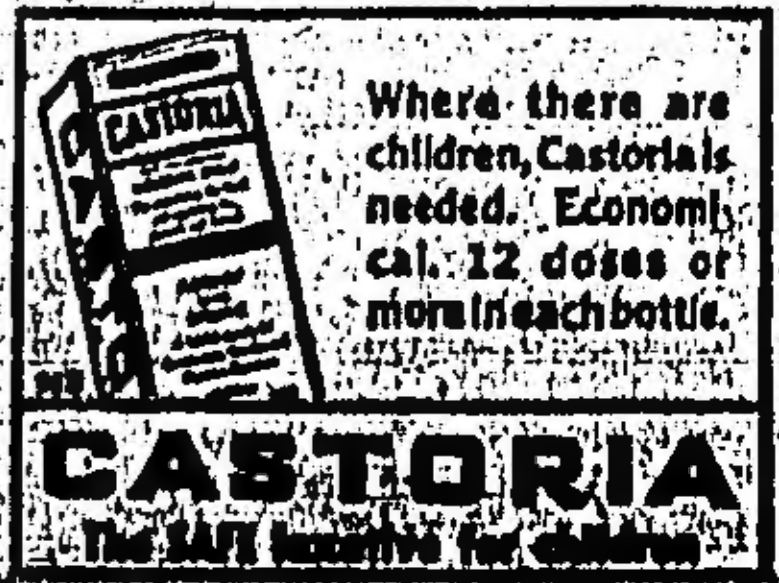
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Around The Courses

Sacrificing Accuracy For Distance

Dry Weather Shots Apt To Prove Flattering: Frequent Misuse Of Irons

(By "Birdie")

WITH THE WET WEATHER more or less behind us, the season is approaching, when, on drier courses, the length of one's shots is apt to be flattering. An observant golfer would have noted indications of this already.

Drives, particularly, can put on twenty or thirty, and occasionally even fifty yards, but it is not with these clubs that the ambitious get themselves into trouble, it is with the irons.

How often has it been known for a player to use a No. 5, say, just because the opponent has made the distance with that club, when in truth a No. 4 or No. 3 would have been the clubs. It is a great asset in golf to realise one's limitations.

When the No. 5 fails, one unconsciously begins to press and take the ball further back off the right foot. It gives a lower trajectory, but it sacrifices consistency and invariably accuracy, too.

Opinions on this, however, seem to differ, even among the professionals. I have read that the drive and wood shots should be taken off the left toe and as the clubs decrease so should the distance from the right foot, until finally one is playing with the No. 8 or 9 right off the back foot.

Personally, I cannot see the object, for in moving the ball backwards it must alter the angle of the club face and one loses the value of the loft. The days of the refined touch control went out with the advent of the new clubs.

The ideal spot from which to hit is directly between the feet. Disregarding the fact that the hands are in advance of the club head at the moment of impact, this is the spot from which the loft of the club is as it should be according to the manufacture.

Hitting a No. 3 iron from this spot gives one a lot of, say, 15 degrees, but in moving the ball back to the rear foot the face assumes almost the perpendicular—like a driver.

If one varies the place from which one hits one can just as easily dispense with half the irons in the bag, for a No. 4 can be made to do the service of a No. 3 and so on, as far as distance is concerned.

But in the variation of that distance, one must sacrifice a certain amount of accuracy, and that is where the practice is harmful. Chip shots are invariably played off the back foot, but for all full shots the position of the ball in relation to the feet should be constant.

How much simpler, too, is it to be able to hit the ball from one spot than from several, for in the former case the position of the hands is constant, while in the latter there is a continual variation and adjustment. Goodness only knows, golf is difficult enough as it is!

SNAKES are making their reappearance at the Country Club, and two have been seen this year about six feet in length. The first was caught and measured over six feet.

SPORTS ADVT.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

The FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 10th MAY, 1941, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

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Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21920).

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By Order,
O. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 6th May, 1941.



CHEATERS—Behind those dark glasses Joe Louis hides bruised eye he gathered in recent bout with Abe Simon in Detroit. Joe's relaxing in round of golf at the Rackham course in Detroit.

while the second was too nippy and got away.

The caddies, there, seem well informed on these creatures, and at a glance are able to tell whether they are poisonous or not. From personal observation, there seem to be only two kinds—one a lightish brown and the other a brownish green. From appearances, the latter kind appear to be of the viper species. I first thought they were grass snakes, but the caddies say they are harmless and feed on the frogs that abound in the district.

The brown ones are the dangerous fellows, and the one that was caught and the one that escaped were both brown!

Billiards

Club de Recreio Easily Beat Kowloon C.C.

Club de Recreio and Kowloon Cricket Club played a return billiards and snooker match at the K.C.C. last night when the visitors won by seven games to one. Results, K.C.C. players being mentioned first:

Billiards—J. H. S. Duncan lost to E. M. Soares, 115-200. (Soares's best break 37); E. C. Curila beat C. Cunha, Remedios, 158-200. E. H. Martin lost to P. A. Yvanovich, 72-150. Snooker—J. R. Luke lost to J. E. Noronha, 60-104. (Noronha's best break 121); J. W. Carr lost to A. A. Noronha, 62-131. (Noronha's best break 22); A. Bone lost to J. C. Remedios, 40-103. R. J. Fenton lost to C. F. Rozario, 60-93.

Y.M.C.A. Tennis

At a meeting of the Y.M.C.A. Tennis Committee held on May 6, it was decided to hold the "Y" Members Singles Handicap competition for the Weill Cup during May and June. Entries close on May 14, and entry lists are open at the Y.M.C.A.

Major Baseball

Philadelphia Humble Cincinnati

NEW YORK, May 6 (UP).—Two matches in the American Baseball League were spoiled by rain today. In the National circuit, Philadelphia Phillies humbled Cincinnati Reds 4-2, while Boston Braves nosed out St. Louis Cardinals 5-4.

Complete scores were:

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
	R	H	E	
Cincinnati	2	5	0	
Batteries: Vandermeer and Lombard.				
Philadelphia	4	2	0	
Batteries: Blanton and Warren.				
St. Louis	5	11	3	
Batteries: Grodzicki, Nahem, Lanier, Krist and Mancuso.				
Boston	5	6	2	
Batteries: Ferrell, Sullivan, Lamanna and Berres, Masi.				
Chicago	3	4	1	
Batteries: Pascau and McCullough.				
New York	7	10	0	
Batteries: Hubbell and Danning.				
Pittsburgh	3	11	2	
Batteries: Sewell, Winkle and Lopez.				
Brooklyn	7	10	0	
Batteries: Wyatt and Owen.				

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R	H	E	
New York	4	5	1	
Batteries: Bonham, Donald and Dickey.				
Detroit	7	11	1	
Batteries: Gorsica and Tobbia.				
Washington	5	8	1	
Batteries: Leonard and Ferrell.				
Cleveland	10	1	1	
Batteries: Dugby, Heving and Hensley.				

The Philadelphia-Chicago and Boston-St. Louis games were washed out.

League Table

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
	W	L	Pct	
St. Louis	15	3	.833	
Brooklyn	15	6	.714	
New York	9	8	.529	
Cincinnati	8	10	.444	
Boston	7	11	.389	
Pittsburgh	6	10	.375	
Chicago	5	10	.333	
Philadelphia	6	13	.316	

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct	
Cleveland	13	6	.684	
New York	12	9	.571	
Chicago	10	8	.556	
Detroit	10	8	.556	
Boston	9	8	.529	
Philadelphia	6	12	.333	
Washington	6	13	.316	
St. Louis	4	11	.267	

Open Tennis Singles Final This Afternoon

FINAL of the Colony Tennis Singles Championship will be played this afternoon at the Stand Court, commencing at 4.30 p.m. Teul Wat-pui will meet his younger brother Teul Yan-pui, and many expect the latter to win.

Yesterday's Match

Yesterday's match at the Hongkong C.C. was the Handicap Doubles Semi-final in which C. H. R. Oxley and A. H. Burwell (-15/2) beat H. Blake and H. C. D. Knight (-15/2) in straight sets, 6-3, 6-1.

The winners will now meet T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould in the final.

Recreio And H.K. Electric Bowls Selections

The following teams have been chosen to represent the Clubs de Recreio in League Lawn Bowls matches on Saturday:

"A" v. K.C.C. (away)—J. Luz, C. E. Marques, H. A. Alves and C. G. Silva; L. P. Xavier, C. Rozo-Pereira, F. V. V. Ribeiro and F. X. Silva; F. X. Soares, J. Silva, J. E. Noronha and R. F. Luz.

"B" v. I.R.C. (home)—H. R. Pinna, C. H. Basto, E. M. Remedios and J. J. Basto; F. A. Machado, D. C. Alves, E. Sousa and E. Basto; A. F. Noronha, A. M. Xavier, A. M. Rodrigues and A. P. Gutierrez.

2nd Div. v. K. Tong (away)—R. L. Barros, F. C. Monteiro, A. V. Barros and O. A. Remedios; G. A. Ribeiro, N. Beltrao, F. A. Xavier and J. R. Soares; L. A. Rosario, H. M. Xavier, J. D. Remedios and J. A. Remedios.

3rd Div. v. Police (home)—G. A. Pinna, C. A. Marques, E. J. A. Marques and F. A. Yvanovich; P. D'Almeida, E. Cunha, E. A. R. Alves and M. A. Carvalho; A. A. Lopes, R. A. Campos, M. Mendonca and M. Alarcón.

Electric Rinks

The following will represent the Hongkong Electric v. the Hongkong C.C. at home:

W. Macfarlane, J. F. Gregory, J. F. Barron and L. de Home; R. A. Owens, W. Stonehouse, A. G. Gardner and A. F. Paul; A. F. Tarbutt, J. R. Way, R. C. Butler and G. R. Cabanac.



G. G. Aitkenhead, Hongkong Cricket Club, delivering a wood in last week's Second Division match against the Club de Recreio at King's Park.—Ming Yuen.

Referees' Assn Bid Farewell To C.S.M. Minihan Suggestions To Hongkong F.A.

THE HONGKONG Football Referees' Association took the opportunity at their meeting last night to bid farewell to Company Sergeant-Major M. Minihan, R.A., the Army representative on the Referees' Association.

The Chairman, Mr H. A. Beard, said C. S. M. Minihan's work on the Committee and as Secretary of the Army Referees Committee was well-known and had earned him the respect of all genuine workers and followers of soccer.

"During his sojourn here," Mr Beard continued, "he had one object in view, the betterment of the game both from the referees and administration point of view. He has had sound ideas and although it is not generally known, he became non-active this season because his sense of justice did not see eye to eye with the appointments of officials."

Mr W. M. Glover, Secretary of the Navy and Marines Football Referees Association Committee, associated himself with the Chairman's remarks.

Messrs D. Kossick (civilian representative), J. F. da Silva and Rev. S. Kitchell also paid tribute to the work done by C. S. M. Minihan.

Replying, C. S. M. Minihan said what he had done he had enjoyed, and though it was possible that the standard of refereeing was not improved, the standard of administration was definitely better.

Suggestion To F.A.

Several suggestions were drawn up by Mr Glover to be presented to the Football Association for consideration at the annual meeting.

The suggestions included an all-round increase in fees; travelling expenses; as the Navy and Army had no local handbook, the rules for Kowloon Cup matches be included in the H.K.F.A. handbook; the Referees' Association should receive written information as to whether a referee was generally accepted as to whether a ground was fit for play; the grounds at Happy Valley should be marked off on the day of League games; official linemen should be provided where teams were running neck and neck for the championship; fees or medals be given in charity matches.

Referring to the suggestion that the ground at Happy Valley be marked off, Mr Hinchcliffe said it could not be done as there appeared to be a law against it.

Mr C. Gungam, of the Council, said the ground was leased by the Royal Hongkong Golf Club and the use for football was only by courtesy.

Words of Advice

C. S. M. Minihan gave a talk. "Advice to Referees on re-registration and promotion," with particular reference to young referees.

The Chairman gave a talk, "Human Nature in Association Football." He said he considered one of the most important things necessary for a referee to possess was a sense of human nature, and it was very necessary for referees to make a study of it. There were games in which it was necessary for the referee to stand out, the temperaments of the players within the shortest possible time.

Cases To Note

A player might, on the spur of the moment, bring a man down in a way not allowed in the book, but with no real badness. In such a case, a word of warning was generally sufficient. In the same way, a friendly word to a player who charged or tackled without the intention of hurting would often curb his license. Such players were usually of little trouble to referees.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Open Tennis Tourney.

Sir,—Despite this boycott by Chinese newspapers to report on the above championships, capacity crowds have been attending the semi-final matches, and among them were at least 90 per cent Chinese, many Japanese and quite a few Chinese reporters.

I always thought that the chief object of a newspaper is to direct people's opinions, but to boycott any news is, I think, deplorable and only tends to show a weak and narrow-minded policy. A newspaper's editor cannot expect everybody to follow his ideas. After all, an editor is only one individual.

Coming to the reasons for the boycott. Some argue that in other places British and Germans do not come together; but this is not true. In Shanghai we have just read that amongst the members of the Municipal Council there are British, German, Japanese, Chinese (some pro-Nanking) and other nationalities. In Canton, I am told that British and Germans are playing tennis together on the Shamane courts.

BOMBAY FUND SUPPORTER.

Golf Dates Corrected

All dates published for the Junior Section Championship and the first Happy Valley Summer Singles are wrong.

They should all be one day later, on Sundays instead of Saturdays. The correct dates are as follows: The first round to be played on the morning of May 25, the second on June 8, the third on June 22, the semi-final on July 6 and the final on July 20.

F.A. Meeting

A meeting of the Council of the Hongkong Football Association will be held on Wednesday, May 14, at 5.30 p.m.

and a repetition would result in the player being sent off.

There was also the type who was up to all the nasty tricks when the referee's back was turned. With this type, said Mr Beard, the referee should observe him and if he was being watched, and should be definitely caught, the official should blow his whistle hard.

Probably the most troublesome type was the one with the permanent air of injured innocence. A referee was quite often and that such a player was aware of his limit and keep within it, and very often a referee would have to put up with a lot before he could find a definite case of ungentlemanly conduct.

Some players had a habit of bluffing a referee, pretending to be tripped or hurt, but the official kept his eyes open and found the player had made a somewhat quick recovery, he would be wise not to let the player carry off a second bluff.

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Mr Hore Belisha Critical In House of Commons Debate

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—Within an hour of its opening the war debate settled down in a calm and not over-crowded House to a temperate discussion, the key to which was provided by the remark of the Government Liberal, Sir Percy Harris, "We are solid behind the Prime Minister but that fact need not exclude conservative criticism."

Mr Lees Smith, Labour Front Bench, asked a number of questions which resolved themselves, as did a number of other speeches, mainly into doubts about the full efficacy of the British Intelligence and information services, and whether advice or information received always received full attention.

At no time however was there any division of opinion about the rightness of going to the aid of Greece.

Matapan A Ruse

The most critical speech was by Mr Hore Belisha, the former War Minister, who contended that the British expeditionary force was inadequate and that information was wrong and was wrongly interpreted. He declared that the naval Battle of Matapan (in which the Italians suffered heavily) was a decoy operation which gave the Germans their large forces in North Africa. He also declared that he had failed in Iraq.

Mr Hore Belisha demanded improvements in the Intelligence Service, more armoured tanks, more dive bombers and more transport planes. He agreed that progress had been made but he declared that it was not enough.

Hoist On Own Petard

Mr Clement Attlee, Lord Privy Seal, in his reply, pointed out, amid laughter, that until January, 1940, Mr Hore Belisha had been in charge of a big part of British war preparations. He was sure that when Mr Hore Belisha was at the War Office he found that what he did was conditioned by what his predecessor had done.

Mr Attlee added, "We find ourselves very much in the same position." He declared that the position in the summer and autumn of last year was infinitely more threatening than that to-day. The splendid Greek resistance, General Cunningham's campaign in Abyssinia, the victories of General Wavell in Libya did make a bright light on a dark day but they did not alter the fundamental fact that the situation in the continent of Europe was in the hands of Germany.

House of Lords

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—Simultaneously with the debate in

FOREIGNERS IN NINGPO Personal Concern Of Japanese

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". SHANGHAI, May 6 (Domel).—A blunt refutation of the claims by Carroll Alcott, local radio news commentator in the column "I have Often Wondered" appearing in the "China Press" on Sunday that he was instrumental in restoring communications between Shanghai and Ningpo, was made by Major Kishi Kishinami of the local Japanese Army Liaison Office.

Major Kishinami made a detailed review of the preparations by the Japanese Army authorities prior to the commencement of operations to protect foreign lives and property. Stressing the pains taken by the Japanese authorities to prevent the damage to foreign interests, the Army spokesman produced maps of Ningpo showing the location of foreign properties and posters announcing that no trespassing would be allowed.

Personal Check Up

The Army officer revealed that in East Chekiang a middle school and an English-managed church were damaged and explained with maps and photos how the damage was done. He further revealed that it took several days to check up all foreigners in Ningpo, declaring that all 60 foreigners in the city including six children were safe. Major Kishinami added that he met all personally to ask for immediate needs.

The Army spokesman closed his statement with an offer to take care of any letters which the listeners desired to send to Ningpo.

WESTERN DESERT IMPASSE

CAIRO, May 6 (Reuter).—Heavy sandstorms in furnace-like heat are testing the endurance of the Germans in the Sollum-Tobruk area, according to well informed military circles here. The situation is reported much the same as 24 hours ago and the enemy's attack is believed to have proved exhausting as well as costly to him.

Observers returning from the western desert say that the Germans are being constantly affected by conditions there. Prisoners' diaries contain frequent reference to the heat and water shortage, while dive bombing by their own planes is mentioned often. It seems that there is some truth in reports that the Germans trained their troops for desert warfare by manoeuvres in the sand dunes of the Baltic area and by strenuous exercises in glass houses to accustom them to heat.

German tanks are not proving well suited to desert warfare, and the British mobile guns are able to pick them off at close range.

STOCK EXCHANGE Undertone Remains Firm

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, the undertone remained firm although gilt-edged and home rails tended to be reactionary.

Industrials were steady with Cable and Wireless and Courtlands good features.

Oils were steady. Mexican Eagle improved on a reported big British purchase of Mexican oil.

Knifirs responded on satisfactory April returns of diamonds and were supported. Among the foreign bonds, Japanese tended to be lower while Egyptian and Iraqi issues receded. Wall Street was firm.

Haile Selassie Resumes Recaptured Throne

NAIROBI, May 6 (Reuter).—Exactly five years after the occupation of Addis Ababa by Marshal Badoglio, Haile Selassie, Emperor of Abyssinia, made a triumphal return to his capital on Monday afternoon.

He was met by Lieut General A. G. Cunningham, General Officer Commanding, East Africa, who was chiefly responsible for delivering his country from the Italian yoke in the brilliant British campaign now nearing its end.

His two sons, the Crown Prince and the Duke of Harar, were there to greet him.

The greatest excitement prevailed as the Emperor entered the city.

The Italians still in Addis Ababa remained discreetly indoors.

Converging Columns CAIRO, May 6 (Reuter).—The position in Abyssinia where the Imperial northern and southern columns are converging on Amba Algi, are described as very promising for the Imperial forces.

Government Control Of Rice

The Colonial Secretary is to move in Legislative Council on Thursday: Resolved that this Council approves the following war measures to ensure the adequate supply of rice and the control of the price of rice and to provide for the turn-over of rice reserves in this Colony.

1. The Government shall take over all reserve stocks of rice in this Colony.

2. The Government shall become the sole importer of rice to this Colony and the sole exporter of rice from this Colony to Shanghai and to such other destinations as may be decided upon.

3. The Government shall sell its rice direct to local retailers.

4. Arrangements shall be made to finance these measures from surplus Government funds, the balance to be made up from moneys advanced by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

These measures shall be put into force on June 1, 1941.

Profiteering

Police action to check profiteering on rice resulted in a conviction at Central Magistracy before Mr H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning when Ching Kam-wah of the Shin Fat Rice Shop, No. 233 Hennessy Road, ground floor, Wanchai, was fined \$100 or one month for selling 50 cattles of grade III rice to Cheng Wai for \$7.14 on April 4.

Moving Rice

Alleged to have attempted to move 80 bags of rice in Shaukiwan Harbour without an export licence from the Controller of Trade, Lo Fung, 48, Junk Master and Tso Ki, 30, Manager of the Kwong Chung Hing Shop of No. 55 Gloucester Road, first floor, appeared before Mr A. N. Macfadyen at Central Magistracy to-day. The Hon. Mr M. K. Lo appeared for the second Defendant and pleaded not guilty.

First Defendant pleaded guilty. Sergeant Kinloch said that at 6 a.m. yesterday a routine search was carried out by the Police in Shaukiwan Harbour and on first Defendant's junk 80 bags of rice were found covered with a quantity of coal. Later, the second Defendant went to the Police Station and told the Police that he had purchased the rice for a business associate.

The case will be further heard on May 9 at 2.30 p.m.

Second Accused was allowed \$1,000 bail.

P.M.G. To Reward Informers

Amending Ordinance At to-morrow's meeting of the Legislative Council, the Hon. Attorney General will move the first reading of a Bill to amend the Post Office Ordinance of 1928.

The Ordinance is amended by the addition of a subsection to Section 38 which will enable a Court or Magistrate inflicting a fine to direct, on the application of the Postmaster General or other prosecuting officer, that a portion of the fine shall be paid to the persons whose information has led to the conviction.

It is considered that a provision of this nature is necessary to prevent the loss of normal postal revenue and to secure that postal packets do not escape censorship.

It is notified that the portion of Des Voeux Road West between Hill Road and Queen's Road West will be closed to motor traffic from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on May 8, 1941, for the purpose of the annual road works.

RUBBER MARKET Re-Opens In London After Closure

LONDON, May 7 (Reuter).—After remaining closed for more than one day, the London rubber market re-opened for business yesterday but under new restrictions imposed by the Government.

"Spot"—trade at 1s. 2d. was unchanged from the previous level; forward positions advanced one-eighth to 1s. 2 1/4d.

Trading in the market was suspended on Monday pending an outcome of the discussions between the recently-appointed Rubber Controller and the trade concerning the future of the market.

Business remained at a standstill yesterday morning and it was freely rumoured that it might be some days before a final decision was reached.

Freight Space It was learned that the trade is submitting numerous questions to the Controller for clarification and informed circles believe that the Ministry of Supply would become the sole importer of rubber in order to centralise precious freight space.

This resulted in general fears that future trading would cease as in the case of the Liverpool Cotton Market, although it was considered that the Ministry would in any case continue to use the trade for internal distribution since it was acknowledged that the Ministry's hasty nationalisation of cotton distribution had not worked well.

Rubber circles were considerably surprised, therefore, when an announcement was unexpectedly made early in the afternoon to the effect that an agreement had been reached between the trade and the Minister of Supply's Controller under which the market will remain open for trading within the prescribed limits.

Gout Sole Importer The Ministry of Supply, acting through the Controller, will become the sole importer into the United Kingdom but will use the London market for the purchase of rubber and for the usual services to consumers.

Open commitments with outsiders must be liquidated as or before they are due, and no new sales involving shipments from abroad to the United Kingdom will be permitted except for effecting the existing contracts for which the Controller's approval will be necessary.

Purchases by the Controller for shipment to the United Kingdom will be made through the market on F.O.B. terms and the Controller will make sales to dealers and manufacturers.

Japanese In Mid-China Pressed

CHUNGKING, May 6 (Central News).—Chinese troops have gained the upper hand in the fighting on the south bank of the Yangtze River in Anhwei.

Hanlingchen, 40 miles southeast of Wuhu, was recovered by the Chinese during a three-sided attack on the morning of May 5. The Japanese retreated to Fulingshan to make a stand but they were forced to evacuate.

In Chekiang the Chinese have broken through the Japanese outer defence lines at Chuki on the Chekiang-Kiangsi Railway, 36 miles south of Sinooshan, and have reached the immediate suburbs of the town. On April 28 Chinese troops broke into Yuhang, north Chekiang town 15 miles west of Hangchow, setting fire to Japanese military establishments and puppet government offices. They withdrew safely after the raid.

Kapchi Landing Repulsed SHUKWAN, May 6 (Central News).—Japanese troops who landed at Kapchi, east of Lukfung on the southern Kwangtung coast, failed to push to Lungkong, northeast of Kapchi, were intercepted and forced to retreat to Kapchi on May 3. Subjected to further attacks they boarded their warships off the coast the following day.

FOREIGNER BUYS CHINA BONDS An anonymous foreigner in Chungking bought \$1,370,000 Chinese bonds to be used for the purpose of the Warline Bond Sales Promotion Committee.

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- 2 KING GEORGE AND QUEEN ELIZABETH TOUR AREA THAT WAS BOMBED.
- 3 AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER REVIEWS TROOPS IN HOLYLAND.
- 4 GERMAN MESSERSCHMIDT PLANE COMES TO U.S.—SHOT DOWN IN BATTLE OF BRITAIN, IT'S BROUGHT HER TO BE STUDIED, etc., etc.

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Police Corruption Alleged

A Chinese Police Constable, Luk Wai-chi, 21, of No. 22 Bonham Street, East, second floor, was charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, J.C., at Central Magistracy this morning together with Lam Kwan-ping, 21, canvasser, of No. 38 Cochrane Street, Central District, with demanding \$20 with menaces from one Wong Tai on May 3 with intent to steal same.

P. C. Luk is also charged with, being a public servant, receiving a bribe of \$10 from Wong Tai at the Wellington Cafe, No. 100 Queen's Road West, first floor, on May 5.

Det. Sub-Inspector Fowle is prosecuting and first Defendant is being defended by Mr. C. A. S. Russ who pleaded not guilty to both charges. The hearing was fixed for May 19.

First Defendant was on \$1,000 bail which was reduced to \$1,000; second Defendant was allowed bail in \$500.

Pen Pals Not Desired

Soldiers Not Keen

Soldiers do not want to correspond with "pen pals" among the public. The War Office has announced that, owing to lack of demand among the troops, the scheme organised by the British Legion in the autumn of last year for placing men in touch with such correspondents had been brought to an end.

Col. S. W. Ashwanden, chairman of the British Legion, said: "To avoid any suspicion that communications to the troops from unknown 'pen pals' might be subversive, the War Office asked the Legion to organise this scheme."

"After four or five months, however, we had 25,000 people who wanted to write to soldiers, and only 100 soldiers who were ready to reciprocate."

Nazis Angered By Films

German and Italian agents are going almost to any length to prevent the exhibition in Central and South America of films they do not like.

In Mexico City the showing of Chaplin's "The Great Dictator" and the British "Pastor Hall" was accompanied by organised violence and threats to the manager and his cinema, "Pastor Hall" was withdrawn after four days.

Another anti-Nazi film, "The World in Flames," was shown in Mexico City under police protection after demonstrators had kept up a campaign of yelling, stamping of feet and throwing stink bombs. The authorities have promised that in future such demonstrators will be dealt with firmly.

LATE NEWS

Japan Accused Of Effrontery

WASHINGTON, May 6 (Reuter).—The comedy of visits is assuming Gilbertian proportions. The only place where a suggested visit here of Mr. Matsuoka and visits by President Roosevelt and Mr. Cordell Hull to Japan is taken seriously appears to be in the Japanese press.

Naturally it is inconceivable that either the President or Mr. Hull dreams of going to Japan and there is no enthusiasm here to see Mr. Matsuoka in Washington, indeed, while official circles are silent on the subject, there are well-informed quarters who feel that after Japan has trampled all over American interests in China, driving her trade from that country, and after signing the Pact with Berlin aimed specifically against the United States, the suggestion that Mr. Matsuoka should come here to persuade the United States to sign a Non-Aggression Pact savours only of effrontery.

With Russia in the position that she is, the fact that Mr. Stalin kissed Mr. Matsuoka is seen here to be quite in order but none here sees the necessity for President Roosevelt or Mr. Hull thus to woo Mr. Matsuoka.

General Feeling

The general feeling appears to be more in line with Representative Ellis who favours an ultimatum to Japan, then to start "polishing her off the face of the earth" if she does not comply, and Senator Pepper who wants to see American bombers making a shambles of Tokyo.

The famous kiss on the Moscow railway station caused many comments one of which is a verse printed in the "Washington Star."

"There's a kiss you get from Mother; there's a lot of love in this. There's a kiss you get from Brother, known as a duty kiss. There's a kiss that drives you batty. But the kiss that Joe gave Matly, Is the sweetest of them all."

BLITZ MIRACLE

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Exchange At A Glance

SELLING	
T.T. London	1/2 1/2
Demand London	1/2 1/2
T.T. Shanghai	1/2 1/2
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	102 1/2
T.T. India	82 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	23 1/2
T.T. Manila	47 1/2
T.T. Batavia	44 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	140 1/2
T.T. Saigon	103 1/2
T.T. France	101 1/2
T.T. Switzerland	101 1/2
T.T. Australia	101 1/2
BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s D/P London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	24 1/2
4 m/s France	84 1/2
30 d/s India	84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.03 1/2

Douglas Co. Meeting

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Managers propose to appropriate this sum as follows:—

To pay a Dividend of 10 per cent. (\$5 per share) \$100,000.00

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which I trust will meet with your approval.

This showing can be considered very favourable in the light of trading conditions as they exist in the Far East to-day, but I regret to state we are still unable to ply on our old established China Coast routes, and it was also found impossible during the year to continue on our Indo-China trades owing to the imposition of various restrictions on trading in that vicinity.

Local Control Scheme

Two of our vessels are now operating in India under The Ministry of Shipping Requisitioning Scheme, and the other two are requisitioned and employed under the Local Control Scheme. Operational costs are greatly increased owing to the very much higher costs of bunkers, insurance, repairs and stores, and also owing to heavier expenses incurred in the working of our vessels in India.

The value of our Fleet stands at a very conservative figure, and it will be noted from the Reserves, and our financial position generally, that we are in a good position to face unforeseen contingencies and also to consider the purchase or building of tonnage as and when this is possible.

I regret to say that our chartered steamer, Sagres, referred to at our last Meeting, is still detained by the Japanese Navy, and although a proposal for her release was submitted to her owners, the owners of the proposal were such as to make the proposal unacceptable.

Bonus To Officers

I take this opportunity of placing on record our appreciation of the loyal and efficient services rendered by our Floating and Shore Staffs, and we are not unmindful of what has to be contended with at sea and even in port to-day. A Bonus of 10 per cent. on wages paid during 1940 has been granted to all Officers and also a further War Risk Bonus of \$80 per month is also being paid to certificated Officers.

I regret to state that Mr. Neil Lang, an old and trusted Chief Engineer, who had been in our employ for 33 years, and was serving on the Halcyon, passed away in Colombo on Christmas Day, and in his passing we have sustained a heavy loss and he will be missed by many owing to his genial disposition and many charming acts.

I do not think there is anything further in the Accounts to comment upon, so now beg to propose that the Report and Accounts as submitted be adopted and passed. As soon as this Resolution has been seconded, I will be pleased to answer the best of my ability any questions Shareholders may desire to ask.

The motion was carried.

Other Business

The re-election of Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. M. H. Turner and Mr. L. J. Davies as Members of the Consulting Committee was proposed by Mr. C. B. Brown, seconded by Mr. T. Ramsey, and carried unanimously. Mr. Davies was invited to join the Committee during the year under review owing to the retirement from the Colony of Mr. H. V. Wilkinson, who resigned from the Committee.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, and Messrs. Linstead and Davies were re-elected Auditors of the Company at a fee of \$1,000 each on the proposal of Mr. W. E. Kirby seconded by Captain W. B. Patey.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Board which was proposed by Mr. Kirby.

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Mother Let Son Go To Prison

Magistrate's Remarks

A remark that he thought it was a great pity that the mother of a young Chinese had not paid a \$10 fine on the youth for an offence relating to the Forestry Ordinance but had allowed him to go to prison, was made by Mr. S. F. Balfour in the Court of the District Office South this morning when Ng Shiu-hong, 20, unemployed, was charged with the theft of a bicycle from the Tsun Wan district.

Defendant denied the charge.

Mr. J. J. Gutierrez said that on Saturday last he was proceeding along the 10 1/2 mile bench road in his motorcar when he met the complainant, Tsang Fook, 32, caretaker, who stated that he had lost his bicycle. Witness gave Tsang a lift and when he reached Tsun Wan district he saw the Defendant wheeling a bicycle the chain of which was broken. The car was stopped and witness asked Defendant where he had obtained the bicycle and the reply was that it had been borrowed from a friend. Tsang identified the bicycle as his. Defendant was taken to the Tsun Wan Police Station.

Defendant stated that he was going to Un Long and was alone. Mr. Gutierrez did not know about the larceny.

After Defendant had been convicted, Sergeant Groves said that he had a previous conviction against the Forestry Ordinance.

Widow's Statement

Defendant's mother, who was in Court, stated that she was a widow and a vegetable gardener. She also looked after pigs.

Mr. Balfour told the woman to look after her son in future and to see that he did not get into trouble again. He did not want to send the Defendant to prison again.

The woman said that with regard to the Defendant's previous conviction it was at her request that he had gone to gather tree wood. She had had been fined \$10 and seeing that it was a simple case of taking tree wood she failed to pay the fine. She had let him go to prison for a month. Her family was very poor.

Mr. Balfour: It seems a great mistake to me that he has been in prison. I think it is a great pity that you did not pay his fine the last time.

Defendant, who was on bail of \$25, was bound over in \$100 to be of good behaviour for two years, with his mother as surety.

STALIN ASSUMES LENIN ROLE

FROM PAGE ONE

ship of the Government Party at a moment when Germany has virtually reached the Dardanelles after conquering the Balkans, establishing dominance of the west coast of the Black Sea and igniting Arab nationalism near Russia's pool.

The present position of M. Stalin resembles M. Lenin's crucial years of civil and foreign wars. The new position presents an ominous departure, undoubtedly resulting from international tension and is believed to be designed as a warning to Germany, with far more meaning than Moscow's many indirect hints to Berlin through Rumania, Bulgaria, Turkey, Yugoslavia and elsewhere.

Wide Implications

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

WASHINGTON, May 6 (UP).—The removal of M. Molotov as Premier without altering his position as Foreign Minister caused high circles to conjecture that the chief importance of the shift was internal implications.

Among foreign as well as United States diplomatic observers there is a widespread impression that the Moscow announcement has much less significance than if M. Molotov had been removed entirely. His continuation in office suggested that the foreign policy has remained relatively the same but that M. Stalin will attempt to strengthen the regime's internal political position by assuming outwardly a more important role.

Congress Refuses To Block Transfer Of Foreign Ships

WASHINGTON, May 6 (Reuter).—A motion to prohibit the transfer, from one belligerent to another, of any ships taken over by the United States for its own defence purposes was defeated in the House of Representatives by 181 to 131 votes to-day.

The vote came up in a debate on a Bill authorising the President to take over idle foreign ships in United States ports.

Lindbergh Does Not Answer

Harold Nicolson, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Information, told a Leicester audience recently:

"I had a great friend called Colonel Lindbergh. Before the war he said to me: 'You are a fine people but are getting soft.'"

"After every raid now I have the great pleasure of sending him a postcard saying: 'Do you still think we are soft?'"

"He doesn't answer these postcards, but I like sending them."

Mr. Nicolson was Charles A. Lindbergh's landlord when the American flier resided in the ancient timbered house, Long Barn, at Sevenhills, Kent.


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The next night someone added the inscription: "Building construction—Winston Churchill."

The police have offered a reward for the discovery of the "signwriter."

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